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Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.45
Yauwatt ...Dep.	8.45	8.10	9.15	10.05	12.05	1.20	2.20	4.40	5.50
Shatin ...Dep.	8.50	8.15	9.20	10.10	12.10	1.25	2.25	4.45	5.55
Shatin ...Arr.	7.15	7.40	8.45	9.35	11.35	1.40	2.40	4.50	6.00
Shatin ...Dep.	7.20	7.45	8.50	9.40	11.40	1.45	2.45	4.55	6.05
Shatin ...Arr.	7.25	7.50	8.55	9.45	11.45	1.50	2.50	5.00	6.10
Shatin ...Dep.	7.30	7.55	9.00	9.50	11.50	1.55	2.55	5.05	6.15
Shatin ...Arr.	7.35	8.00	9.05	9.55	11.55	2.00	3.00	5.10	6.20
Shatin ...Dep.	7.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	2.05	3.05	5.15	6.25
Shatin ...Arr.	7.45	8.10	9.15	10.05	12.05	2.10	3.10	5.20	6.30

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Canton ...Dep.	7.15	8.05	10.35	11.05	11.35	2.55	4.41	5.45	7.15
Shatin ...Dep.	7.20	8.10	10.40	11.10	11.40	3.00	4.48	5.52	7.20
Shatin ...Arr.	7.25	8.15	10.45	11.15	11.45	3.05	4.53	5.57	7.25
Shatin ...Dep.	7.30	8.20	10.50	11.20	11.50	3.10	4.58	6.02	7.30
Shatin ...Arr.	7.35	8.25	10.55	11.25	11.55	3.15	5.03	6.07	7.35
Shatin ...Dep.	7.40	8.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	3.20	5.08	6.12	7.40
Shatin ...Arr.	7.45	8.35	11.05	11.35	12.05	3.25	5.13	6.17	7.45
Shatin ...Dep.	7.50	8.40	11.10	11.40	12.10	3.30	5.18	6.22	7.50
Shatin ...Arr.	7.55	8.45	11.15	11.45	12.15	3.35	5.23	6.27	7.55
Shatin ...Dep.	8.00	8.50	11.20	11.50	12.20	3.40	5.28	6.32	8.00
Shatin ...Arr.	8.05	8.55	11.25	11.55	12.25	3.45	5.33	6.37	8.05

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Shatin ...Dep.	8.50	8.15	9.20	10.10	12.10	1.25	2.25	4.45	5.55
Shatin ...Arr.	7.15	7.40	8.45	9.35	11.35	1.40	2.40	4.50	6.00
Shatin ...Dep.	7.20	7.45	8.50	9.40	11.40	1.45	2.45	4.55	6.05
Shatin ...Arr.	7.25	7.50	8.55	9.45	11.45	1.50	2.50	5.00	6.10
Shatin ...Dep.	7.30	7.55	9.00	9.50	11.50	1.55	2.55	5.05	6.15
Shatin ...Arr.	7.35	8.00	9.05	9.55	11.55	2.00	3.00	5.10	6.20
Shatin ...Dep.	7.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	2.05	3.05	5.15	6.25
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THE PREMIER'S RETORT TO SIR JAMES BARRIE.

The Prince of Wales wittily described his efforts to prepare a speech about Worcester County at the second annual banquet of the Worcestershire Association at the Hotel Victoria on February 29th, which was presided over by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, President of the Association, and attended by more than 500 Worcestershire folk. Sir James Barrie was among the visitors.

Referring to the fact that the Earl of Plymouth had suddenly been called upon to deputise for Viscount Cobham, Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire, in proposing the loyal toast, the Prince said:

"I will tell you a secret. Lord Plymouth happened to have a very good friend, and that good friend happened to be one of my private secretaries. He did exactly what I do when I find myself in rather a tight corner—he flew to my private secretary for help. But I got in first. (Laughter.)

In the course of my researches in the last few days, my Prince continued, "I started to jot down some of the things for which your great county is famous. But I began by putting the word 'sausage' right out of my mind. (Laughter.) I was determined that whatever else I did or did not do I was not going to make a single joke about Worcestershire sausage. (Laughter.)

Further Researches.

"And then in my researches I remembered having seen a recent reference in the newspapers to a Worcestershire farmer who was reported to have found grass growing on the back of some of his sheep. (Loud laughter.) I was compelled to put that on one side, rather reluctantly, because I thought that would be a marvellous new theme for after-dinner speeches. (Laughter.) But I felt before it was put on the market that it would need a little more investigation, although it obviously points to a corollary—that Worcestershire farmers do not let the grass grow under their feet. (Laughter.)

My list of a few days back of the noted products of your county was not progressing very favourably, until suddenly inspiration came to me, and I noted down quickly china, cider, cricket, and Lord Coventry—(cheers)—who was playing a prominent part in your county before most of us were born.

"Now the realisation that all of these items began with 'C' suddenly reminded me that, of course, I should have started one letter earlier in the alphabet, and I should have headed my list with another product of Worcestershire for which we all have such affectionate admiration—my host, Mr. Baldwin. (Cheers.)

Sir James Barrie.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed in the Worcestershire dialect by Earl Beauchamp, who called upon Sir James Barrie to respond in the following terms: "I am glad to see Sir James Barrie ere to-night. E lives so nigh to us at Stoneway that e must have seen a mort of ovr pokes and fairies in Oostershire, so I asks im to speak for the foreigners here."

Sir James Barrie began his reply in a broad Scots dialect, which sent the company into roars of laughter.

"I think it would be just right," he said "for me, after the way you have spoken to-night in your local language, to reply in the way we speak in the North Country, but perhaps it would take too long."

Taking long, slow puffs at a huge cigar, Sir James Barrie continued to speak with a drollery that left his audience divided between laughing at him and listening to him.

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MURDER WAVE IN FRANCE.
JURIES REFUSE TO CONVICT.
POLICE BAFFLED.

Paris, February 29th.—The public in France are staggered and horrified by the enormous wave of crime which is sweeping over the country and the utter failure of the police in a number of instances to track down the murderers, writes a correspondent of the Daily Express.

Murder after murder has been committed in rapid succession within the past few days in circumstances which strike terror into the minds of the public.

The first discovery was a ditch near Melun yesterday of a charred body of a man which was still burning when found, was followed by the news of another horrible murder at Chagnacourt at the gates of Paris. A woman news-writer here was assassinated in broad daylight in her shop by an unknown person who smashed her skull with a stationer's mallet.

The previous evening in Paris a cabinet maker shot his wife because she refused to live with him, and on Saturday last another man shot his wife dead because she refused to make him a cup of coffee in the middle of the night.

Body In A Ditch.
The charred body found in the ditch yesterday has been identified by the marks on the clothing as that of M. Gaston Truphene, a twenty-three-year-old diamond broker, who had in his possession 28,400 worth of diamonds, besides 11,600 in banknotes, all of which have disappeared. So far not the slightest trace of the murderer has been found.

The police are equally in the dark concerning the murder of M. de Parades, the financial agent of the Jesuit Mission in Paris, who was found in his office, fortnight ago, with his skull smashed in and, as has now been ascertained, a large sum of money missing from his desk.

No clue has yet been found to the sinister crimes of the "blood-stained taxicab" in which three men are believed to have met their death.

It is an ironical comment on this terrible record of crime that three people whom the police were confident of convicting for murder and attempted murder were acquitted by French juries yesterday.

A man named Belletier is being tried to-day for murdering his father and mother. The Temps this evening makes a strong plea for the immediate reform of the jury system in France.

"I think it would be best to make a clean breast of it," he said. "The Prime Minister's dark secret is that he absolutely abominates pipe smoking. It arose out of an unfortunate newspaper mistake, and then all the public liked it, and rather than disappoint them he goes on smoking, this horrible thing."

Mr. Baldwin's Retort.
"Sir James Barrie was a teetotaler and a non-smoker, too, originally," retorted Mr. Baldwin, responding to the toast of "Our President."

In his early days he wrote a story, or an essay, which ran round the world, and was called "My Lady Nicotine." An enterprising tobaccoist felt there was something in it, and advertised it, and wrote to Sir James Barrie, and asked him what was the original of the "Arcadian Mixtura."

DIARY OF EVENTS.

Today.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club and XI. v. Tamar on the R.N.U.S.C. ground, 5 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "On Your Toes."

World Theatre: "Dancing Mothers," 5.15 and 8.20; "The Monkey Monk," 2.30 and 7.15.

Star Theatre: "Drusilla with a Million."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Principal Mails: Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Po. 10th), 2.30 p.m.; Europe via Vancouver and Europe via Siberia (Empress of Asia), 5 p.m.; Europe via San Francisco (Pres. Lincoln), 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 1st XI. v. Navy R.N.U.S.C. ground, 5.15.

Fantling Hunt: Meet at the Stables Fantling, 2.45 p.m.

China Exhibition: St. Andrew's Church Hall and Grounds opening ceremony by Major General C. C. Luard, O.B., C.M.G., and the Hon. Sir Shou-sen Chow at 3 p.m.

Lecture by Mr. R. E. Lindell "Place names of Hong Kong," 5.30 p.m.

A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., 43rd annual ordinary general meeting at Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

Chinese Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

Annual Inspection by H.E. the Governor of the Hong Kong Police and Police Reserve, Murray Parade Ground.

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals annual meeting. Jardine, Matheson's board room, 8.30 p.m.

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Thursday.

China Exhibition: St. Andrew's Church Hall and Grounds opening ceremony by Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., 3 p.m.

Lecture by the Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., "The Cantonese Language," 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Unknown."

World Theatre: "Orphans of the Storm."

Star Theatre: "The Runaway."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Friday.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club "A" v. K.O.S.B. at King's Park, 5.15 p.m.

China Exhibition Opening ceremony by the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Dr. S.-W. Tao, 3 p.m.

Lecture by the Rev. G. H. McNeur on "The Chinese Mind," 8 p.m.

China Light and Power Co., Ltd. Extra Ordinary General Meeting, noon.

Children's afternoon Helena May Institute, 6 p.m.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club 25th Annual General Meeting, 9 p.m.

Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong annual dinner, 8 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

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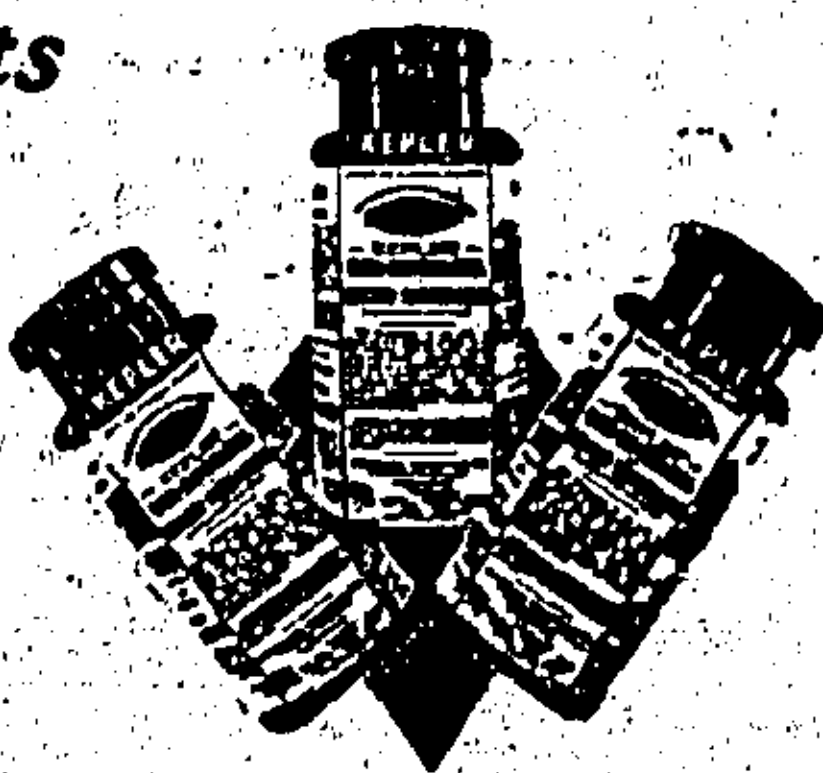
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The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., was held yesterday, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard being in the Chair. A record year was reported, the balance being \$742,000.

Supporting the Chairman were Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce, H. P. White (Directors), and Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. J. H. Taggart, Ho Leung, J. P. Sherry, A. H. M. da Silva, R. L. Bridger, D. P. Stevenson, F. M. Ellis, J. H. Seth and W. E. L. Shenton.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

The Chairman said:—It is with great pleasure that your General Managers and Consulting Committee are able to present to you such an excellent account as that for the year 1927; the balance of \$742,014.12 constitutes a record surpassing the previous best, that for 1926, by approximately \$100,000. The premium income was over \$120,000 higher than the previous record and the loss ratio well below the average. Expenses, though a little less than for 1926, have grown considerably during the past six years; this, however, is only to be expected in view of the fact that our net premium has increased by 50 per cent. over the same period. For 1927 the ratio of expenses to net premium was 20.44 per cent. as against 33.00 per cent. for the year under review.

The balance standing at credit of the Working Account for 1927 is \$742,014.12; this also is a record, being an improvement of \$28,073.43 on the figure for 1926, after the first twelve months' working. It is early yet to hazard any opinion as to the ultimate result of this account but, granted a moderate share of good fortune, we may reasonably anticipate another profitable year.

Dividend Of \$43 Per Share.

The surplus now to be dealt with is \$742,014.12 and we recommend the payment of a dividend of \$43 per share, absorbing \$344,000; the appropriation of \$23,000—\$24,153.33 to the newly-formed Gold Reserve; \$100,000 to Silver Reserve and the balance of \$22,000.27—\$23,297.75 to Reinsurance Fund.

You will notice from the report that the sum of \$20,000 has been transferred from Reinsurance Fund to initiate a gold reserve. This was considered advisable because our present day commitments in sterling are large and also because the Reinsurance Fund stood at a figure which was considerably in excess of any probable demands that might be made upon it.

The Reserves.

Our reserves are in a healthy condition and the correctness of our policy of steadily increasing them is shown by the fact that we are now able to handle a considerably larger volume of business than was previously the case. During the past ten years, our income, interest from investments and reserves have all increased by over one hundred per cent.

I have little to say about the future. Insurance like every other branch of commerce has its ups and downs and competition is very keen; in these days many propositions, which are attractive at first sight, have to be turned down for the reason that rates are cut so fine that they cannot turn out to be profitable. We are constantly looking out for sources of expansion that offer hope of reasonable profit, and while on this subject, I would again ask all shareholders to give the Company their full support, both by means of their own business and by that of others that they may be in a position to influence us.

Owing to the very considerable increase that has taken place during the past few years in the work of auditing the accounts of the Company, it is proposed to raise the auditors' fees from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00 for each firm, and you will, I hope, confirm this when the proposal for the re-election of auditors comes before the meeting. You will, I trust, approve of the usual bonus of 15 per cent. on their salaries being granted to the staff.

I now propose the following resolution:—That the report and accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of \$43 per share, an addition of \$23,000—\$24,153.33 to Sterling Reserve, of \$100,000 to Silver Reserve, the transfer of \$23,297.75—\$22,000.27 to the credit of Reinsurance Fund, and the payment to the staff of 15 per cent. upon their salaries, be adopted and passed.

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CHRIST AT THE DOOR.

MESSAGE TO THE LAODICEANS.

THE DEAN'S CONCLUDING LENTEN ADDRESS.

WHAT CHRISTIANITY ASKS AND GIVES.

The last of a series of able sermons, on the Messages of St. John to the churches under his charge in Asia Minor, was preached last Sunday in St. John's Cathedral by the Very Reverend the Dean. He took for his text the 20th verse of the third chapter of Revelations which forms part of the Message to the Church of Laodicea.

The opening part of the message, the Dean said, speaks of the grave mistake the Laodiceans had made in being lukewarm, "neither hot nor cold" and therefore of no use to God. Following the text you can read why this state of being neither hot nor cold is useless for Christ's purposes.

Holman Hunt's Picture.

Christ was present with that Church of Laodicea but he was present outside the door. There is a well known picture by Holman Hunt, which shows a tumble-down cottage with thistles and weeds growing up to the windows, the door fast closed with locks and hinges rusted by disuse. The sacred figure who stands and knocks at the door in the picture represents Christ, knocking at the obstinate hearts of men, and allowing Himself to be kept out. He stands at the door of our hearts to-day, and He did age ago at the door of the Church of Laodicea.

"Searching For God."

This picture does not represent the commonly accepted ideas of religion. Christ the weary traveller begging for admission, is the very opposite picture to that which is generally held. We are apt to think of religion as a number of mysteries which we have to try and solve; of hidden truths which we have to try to puzzle out. We talk of "searching for God" and of "finding God," as if He were hidden, difficult to know and hard to approach.

If the picture drawn in these verses from St. John's message is true the fundamental meaning of religion is the very opposite to that the Apostle shows us. Before we learn to love Him He loves us, because we are sinners even a beginning of seeking Him. He knows us through and through. The religious privileges which we enjoy are not due to our own powers, but to God's search for man and man's increasing recognition of God and acceptance of Him.

Like The Light Of The Sun From Millions Of Miles.

In the incarnation of Christ, God with almost incredible condescension came into the world of men. God came to men, men did not find God by their own strivings. Just as the light of the sun comes from millions of miles to this earth to bring us light God has come with infinite condescension from His Divinity to men. Just as we can by shutting our eyes keep out the light of the sun and walk in darkness, so we can shut God out of our lives and hearts if we will.

Holy Week—Is It Nothing To You?

Next week is Holy Week when we shall try to get nearer to God in the contemplation of that wonderful ending to His life on earth here. But probably there will be hundreds or even thousands of our countrymen who will deliberately shut Christ out of their lives next week. "Is it nothing to you all ye that pass by?" He asks; there will be a crowd that will indeed pass by and care nothing and each one of us will do something of the same sort.

One of the most wonderful attributes of God is shown in the text we are considering. He does not merely knock and go away if there is no answer, but He stands and knocks with infinite long suffering and patience. There may be years who have kept Him out. For years they have heard His knocking and have thought "If I keep still He

will go away." But He never goes away. Day after day, year after year, the Spirit of God is trying to enter our hearts.

Christ has only knocked he speaks as well. He says "Hear my voice," and no one can fail to hear His voice. Outward happenings sometimes muffle His knocks, but His voice is speaking too through troubles, sickness, joy and peace.

Often we do not recognise His voice and make no use of His knocks. The child Samuel hearing God's voice thought at first it was Eli calling, but when God called again he recognised the voice. During the coming Holy Week if we make use of the church services we may hear Christ's voice. Shall we let Him pass by or shall we take Him into our hearts and lives? There is no force about it, we can keep the door shut if we will; that is the wonderful thing about God. He has given us the privilege of freedom of action we can keep even Him out if we will.

Cottagers Who Turned Away A King.

One night, two young men who were on a walking tour were overtaken by the night, and on seeing a cottage they knocked and asked to be let in. They were told to go away and stop making a disturbance. Some way further they knocked at the door of another cottage and were taken in for the night. The following morning a rumour was passing from house to house, and the inhabitants of the first cottage were bitterly ashamed and humiliated to discover that they had refused admittance to the present King of England and the Duke of Clarence.

We often shut out God in just the same way, but instead of coming begging for food or shelter He is coming with His hands full of gifts which, if we let Him in, He will pour into our hearts and wills. If we keep Him out, from whom all goodness comes, we are keeping out His peace, gifts and happiness and health. There is another story of a minister in Edinburgh who went one day to a widow woman in order pay her rent for her. He knocked, but got no answer, so called again the following day. This time she saw him coming, and said someone had knocked the day before, but fearing it was the landlord, she had not answered as she had no money for the rent. The minister coming with the very thing she wanted had been turned away. It is exactly like that with Christ. "Behold," He says, "I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me."

The Blessed Virgin Mary.

To-morrow (Monday) is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The church very rightly honours her, for in her we have the supreme example of a human being making God welcome. She must therefore, always be blessed among women, and must hold the highest place among all women for that reason. She flung open the door of her being to be used by God. Through complete acceptance of His will she was able to show His glory for all time to the world. The reward of such an acceptance of God is that He brings all with Him—all His strength and His beauty. He does not necessarily bring happiness. To the Blessed Virgin He brought the first place for then misunderstanding and pain, but He always brings peace and a deep joy. When our hearts are open to Him they are ready to be filled with everything that is good.

SECONDER'S SPEECH.

Mr. Taggart said: "In rising to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts, I feel confident that I am voicing the opinion of shareholders in stating that the figures for the past year and the very lucid explanation thereof given by the Chairman as to the affairs of the Company not only call for the commendation of shareholders, but also that an expression of thanks is due to the General Managers and the Consulting Committee for this very excellent showing."

The policy pursued by the General Managers of gradually increasing dividends as results permit, in preference to resorting to the issue of bonus shares, is one which I am confident that shareholders, who have come to regard this Company as a gilt-edged investment, must fully endorse.

Before concluding, Sir, if I may be permitted to lend a more personal note, I should like to add that, in common with other companies with which you are connected, it is a matter

of sincere regret to the shareholders of this Company, to learn of your impending departure from the Colony, and, in your new sphere of activity, shareholders of this Company will wish you that full measure of success that has attended your efforts during your sojourn in this Colony and the tenure of office in that estimable concern that you have the honour to represent."

Other Business.

On the proposition of Mr. Ho Leung, seconded by Mr. Sherry, the following were re-elected to serve on the Consulting Committee:—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, were re-elected auditors, on the proposition of Mr. Bridger, seconded by Mr. Stevenson.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready and could be had on application.



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Do.	\$214 nom.
P. & O. Bank	\$294 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$275 buy.
Canton Insurance	\$275 buy.
Union Insurance	\$341 buy.
North China Ins.	\$145 nom.
Yangtze Insurance	\$240 buy.
China Underwriters	\$215 nom.
China Fire Insurance	\$215 nom.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$270 buy.
Donghai	\$401 sel.
H.K. Steamships	\$213 sel.
H.K. Tugs	\$213 sel.
Indo-China (Freight)	\$330 buy.
Do.	\$100 nom.
Shell Transports	\$278 nom.
Waterboats	\$204 buy.
Benguet	\$235 nom.
Kailan Mining Ad.	\$67 nom.
Langkai (combined)	\$13 nom.
Do.	\$13 nom.
S'hai Explorations	\$13 nom.
Shanghai Loans	\$13 nom.
Hande	\$44 nom.
Tonghai	\$178 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$141 nom.
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China Providents	\$365 buy.
Do.	\$104/10 ss.
Hongkong	\$144 buy.
New Kingman	\$450 nom.
Shanghai Docks	\$102 buy.
Ewo Cottons	\$13 buy.
Oriental Cottons	\$13 buy.
S'hai Cottons (old)	\$138 sel.
Do.	\$138 sel.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$933 buy. & sel.
H.K. Lands	\$133 buy.
Shanghai Lands	\$133 buy.
Hong Kong Realities	\$41 buy. & sel.
H.K. Territorials	\$13 nom.
H.K. Tramways	\$25 buy. & sel.
Peak Tram (old)	\$13 buy.
Do.	\$13 buy.
Star Ferries	\$264 nom.
China Lights (new)	\$13 sel.
Do.	\$13 sel.
Do.	\$10 buy.
H.K. Electric	\$702 buy. & sel.
Macro Electric	\$26 buy.
Telephones	\$470 buy.
China Buses	\$118/8 nom.
Singapore Tractors	\$11/8 nom.
China Sugars	\$3 sel.
Malayan Sugars	\$3 sel.
Canton Iron	\$24 nom.
Cement (combined)	\$11.65 buy.
Do.	\$10 nom.
Do.	\$10 nom.
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$35 buy.
Do.	\$330 nom.
United Asbestos	\$10 sel.
Dairy Farms	\$11.80 buy. & sel.
Watsons	\$141 nom.
De A Wing	\$1 sel.
Leas Overfalls	\$23 buy.
MacIntosh	\$23 buy.
Sincores	\$10 buy.
Wm. Powells	\$35 nom.
H.K. Amusements	\$394 buy.
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Bucharest	78 1/2
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YESTERDAY'S WELL ORGANISED PRIZE GIVING.

EXCELLENT PHYSICAL TRAINING RESULTS.

Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, presided over the annual prize distribution of the Wah Yan College which was held in the Queen's Theatre yesterday morning. Lady Shou-son Chow presented the prizes and among others on the platform were Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. Ralphs, Father Finn and Father Neary, S.J., Mr. Y. P. Law, the Inspector of Chinese Schools, Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. Lim Hoi Lam, the Headmaster, Mr. Chow Cheng Lam, B.A., the Headmaster of the Kowloon Branch, and Mr. Lui Sun Ui, B.Sc., the Assistant Headmaster of the Wah Yan College, and Mr. Peter Tsui, a director of the College.

THE REPORT.

The proceedings were opened by an overture given by the Queen's Orchestra conducted by Mr. Grovini, the headmaster's report followed. Mr. Lim Hoi Lam said: The Wah Yan College celebrated its eighth anniversary last December, and this is, therefore, its eighth annual report.

Attendance.
The highest number on roll during the year was 671, and the average attendance 630. The total number of meetings was 370, ten less than that of the previous year. The decrease was due to the longer summer vacation.

A large number of boys applied for admission after the New Year vacation, but more than 400 had to be refused chiefly owing to lack of accommodation.

The Staff.
There were several additions to the staff during the year including two of our past pupils, Messrs. Chan Wei Ming and Kwan Man Wai. Mr. W. Youngs, B.A., our science master, Mr. Li Po Hsen, M.Sc., and erstwhile professor of Chinese history and literature in various Chinese universities, who joined us to take charge of the Chinese studies, Miss M. D. White, Messrs. Chow Cheng Lam, B.A., Ernest Zimmer and Kam Heo Chee. In December Messrs. Chow Cheng Lam and Kwan Man Wai were transferred to our branch school at Yau-mat, the former as headmaster, and Mr. Yung Kai Yin left us to open a school of his own at Macao.

Complimented On Good Physique.
In both July and December the College was medically inspected by Dr. Minnett. In November, Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, made a round of all the classes and witnessed a class of boys at drill. He was much impressed by the boys' excellent physique and smart appearance, and he said that he had seldom seen Chinese boys with such fine chests. Before leaving he complimented Mr. A. J. Mauricio, our Physical Instructor, on his good work, and gave the college a half-holiday.

Mr. Ralphs in his annual report said that the building and equipment were good, the staff was adequate, and the discipline excellent. He also stated that the written work throughout was exceptionally good, that the physical exercises deserved special mention, and that each year saw a steady and marked improvement in the college.

Boarding Department.
During the summer vacation we made plans for adding a boarding department to the college and advertised for boys. We provided room for only fifty boarders, and it was filled on the first day after the re-opening. At the end of the year we enlarged it, and it was again filled on the first day of the new school year.

Our branch school at Yau-mat had 270 on roll during the year. The staff consisted of nine teachers. We occupied six very unschool-like flats at Portland Street, one of the noisiest quarters of Yau-mat.

In the second half of the year we bought a piece of land at Nelson Street and erected a new school building on it. It was completed at the beginning of this year, and we moved in after the Chinese New Year vacation. Mr. Chow Cheng Lam, B.A., is the Headmaster.

Sports.
During the year our football team played several matches and our boys also competed in the Volley Ball League. The lack of a suitable playground is a severe hindrance.

We held our annual gymnastic competition in January. There were more competitors than in the previous year. Every year sees an increase in the number of boys who take exercise on the parallel and horizontal bars under the expert guidance of Mr. Mauricio.

Examination Results.
All the students of Class-I entered for the Matriculation and Senior Local Examinations. We presented 28 for the Matriculation and 11 for

the Senior Local; of these 13 passed the Matriculation (one with honours) and 13 passed the Senior Local, with 14 distinctions.

We presented 61 candidates for the Junior Local Examination, and of these 25 passed with 12 distinctions. Wong Kam Shuen established a new record for our Class 2 by obtaining four distinctions.

Old Boys.
The membership of the Old Boys' Association increases during the year, but there are still many past pupils who have not joined it. I appeal to them and to those who have just left school to do so as soon as they can.

China's Demand For Education.
The demand for English education in the China of to-day is wide, spread and irresistible, and school for the teaching of English are springing up like mushrooms throughout the country. But at the eager students who flock to them lured by a mirage farther and farther into the desert of disillusionment! We do not think so. It is our belief that the future educated class of the Chinese people will be bilingual. Whatever others may say to the contrary, we hold to the opinion that the Chinese will never acquire the advantages of Western civilisation except through the students who have gone to the sources.

In no other country in the world is the cry for educational reform as loud as it is in China to-day. We do not really possess a philosophy of education, and since the abolition of the competitive examinations we have had no educational ideal. The old Confucian teaching is regarded as an anachronism, but we have nothing else with which to replace it. It is useless to pretend to improve education without first having agreed about its end, its conditions, and its possibilities.

Conclusion.
Before I conclude I desire to express to all the members of the staff my deep appreciation of their loyal support and constant devotion to duty. But for their splendid co-operation the college could not have merited the high praise of the Inspector of English Schools.

Now, it remains for me to thank you, Mr. Ralphs, for having so kindly consented to preside at this function, and you, Lady Shou-son Chow, for giving the prizes away, Messrs. Li Ping and the Sincere Company for donating prizes, and all of you, ladies and gentlemen, for your kind attention.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The prizes were then distributed by Lady Shou-son Chow and all present were struck with the excellent marshalling of the students, their bearing, and the efficient manner in which Lady Chow's arduous task was made so short and easy as possible. A bouquet was presented to Lady Chow by one of the students.

MR. RALPHS' CONGRATULATIONS.

Mr. Ralphs said that Lady Chow had asked him to express on her behalf her thanks for being asked to distribute the prizes, and he in turn thanked her in the name of the school and staff for undertaking so heavy a task, but he felt sure that it had given her pleasure to see such excellent results of the work of the school and to hear the applause with which each prize winner was greeted by his friends and fellows.

The report, he continued, spoke eloquently for itself for the list of successes was very long. When he saw the thousand students assembled before him, he was struck with the immense progress which the College had made since 1919, when he had been asked to inspect a small school of four boys and one master in Hollywood Road. Two years later they had moved to larger premises in Robinson Road with two hundred pupils. After another two years the Wah Yan College was taken on to the register of grant aided schools. That was a fine record, not only with regard to the numbers, but to the efficiency of the College which the report showed very clearly. The headmaster had pointed out that he was not only ambitious for examination results, but in character forming, and he felt sure that the College had an excellent record in this respect.

In conclusion, Mr. Ralphs said that Lady Chow had asked him to say that she had asked for a holiday for the school which had been granted.

(Continued on next Column).

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SINGAPORE JUDGE CRITICISES THE LAW.

"A GREAT MISTAKE."

SINGAPORE, March 16th.

A 10-year old Chinese youth who was convicted of holding up another Chinese with a knife and robbing him of \$8.40 was sentenced to seven years' rigorous imprisonment and ten strokes of the "cat" at the Singapore Assizes.

Mr. Justice Deane, the presiding judge, criticised the severity of the minimum sentence for this offence. "This man has stolen \$8.40 and I cannot sentence him to less than seven years," he said. "Such sentences are absurd."

Mr. Whitley (for the prosecution): Your Lordship does not think that robbery with a weapon like that deserves a large sentence?

His Lordship: I am not in any way saying that it is not a serious offence, but, after all, there is the fact that only \$8.40 was stolen.

Mr. Whitley: With all due respect, my Lord, I submit that \$8.40 to a man in the position of the complainant might mean as much as a much larger sum to other people.

His Lordship: Here is a young boy of nineteen whom I must sentence to seven years. I think it is a great mistake. I have to administer the law as it is, but I think a judge should be given some discretion in such a matter. I think if he got a year's imprisonment and a good flogging it would be much better.

Mr. Whitley: With the utmost respect, my Lord, I think as things are nowadays, the country is flooded with people coming down from China and leading others astray, and I am rather inclined to think that severity is the better method. I admit that it does not seem to have the least deterrent effect.

His Lordship: That is just it.

GYMNASTIC DISPLAY.

The Gymnastic Display given by college students and conducted by Mr. A. J. Mauricio was an excellent example of the good work being done in the Wah Yan College. The boys had a very smart appearance, were well developed, and went through their series of Swedish exercises with ease and efficiency. Dr. Minnett's report on the health of the school seems amply justified by the physique not only of these boys, but of all who made a public appearance on the stage.

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HONG-KONG IMPORTS.

The current number of the Fortnightly Price Current and Market Report states—

Corroon Piece Goods and Market Corroon Goods.—The market is very quiet, but small lots of Brocades, Shadow Stripe Poplins, and Spring Fancies have been looked for May shipment. The latest quotations are those of the 21st inst. Eg. Sake, \$0.60d. Mid. Amer. "Spot," \$1.10d.

Another report states:—There is some business doing in Cotton Lastings, Poplins and Linbrees for early shipment. Buying has not commenced for Brocades, Linbrees, Poplins and other Spring cargo, although advices from home indicate that prices are firmer with a tendency to go higher. If the dealers do not make a move very shortly, it looks as if they will be left behind. Large purchases in all kinds of Spring Fancies are reported from Shanghai and prices are hardening as a result.

Corroon Yarn.—During the interval, local rates have improved further in sympathy with the rise in the price of Shanghai Yarn, but

no business has been reported. Nominal quotations are as follows: No. 10s, \$170/185; No. 12s, \$175/185; No. 14s, \$185/190; No. 20s, \$195/200. Arrivals: 300 bales. Shipments: 750 bales. Un-sold stock: 2,800 bales. Bargains: 8,200 bales.

Woolens.—The market is very quiet and prices are easier because it is near the end of the season. A few small orders for Meltons and Tweeds have been settled, but buying is practically at an end.

Raw Corroon.—Nothing doing. Merino.—Very little business.

Kyau Market.—Report—Stock: American, 450,000 bags; Canadian, 700,000 bags; Australian, 40,000 bags; total, 670,000 bags.

Market.—Firm. Quotations: American Patent, \$4.30-4.35 per sack; American Straight, \$3.15-3.40 per sack; American Cut off, \$2.30-2.80 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$2.30-2.65 per sack; Canadian Cut off, \$3.10-3.20 per sack; Canadian Straight, \$2.05-2.15 per sack; Canadian Mixtures, \$2.95 per sack; Canadian 2nd Crop, \$2.90 per sack.

Buana.—Market steady.

Siam.—Stock: 14,000 bags. Dull market since last report.

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MACAO GOVERNMENT'S OPIUM MONOPOLY.

OFFICIAL'S ACTION AGAINST MR. LEE HYSAN.

CHARGE OF SUB ROSA FARMING OUT.

A PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR OF MACAO.

An action for libel relating to the Macao Government's Opium Monopoly and its administration was begun in the Supreme Court yesterday before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan). The plaintiff was Mr. Pedro Jose Lobo, an official of the Macao Government, who sued Mr. Lee Hysan, one of the best known figures in the Chinese community of Hong Kong, claiming damages and an injunction to restrain defendant from further publication of the words complained of.

The alleged libel was contained in a petition presented to H.E. Governor of Macao which suggested, among other things, that \$120,000 had been paid by the Yau Seng Company to obtain a virtual control of the Macao Government's monopoly in opium, for the management of which the plaintiff had been responsible since the Government took the opium monopoly and abandoned the method of farming out.

The defence pleaded that the said petition was not defamatory to the defendant and further that the petition was privileged.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Messrs. Lee and Russ), appeared for plaintiff, whilst Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), appeared for defendant.

In opening the case Mr. Alabaster said that the plaintiff claimed damages for a libel contained in a petition to H.E. the Governor of Macao.

The document was a translation of a letter in Chinese from Fung Cheung to the defendant.

The document stated that: "The Yau Seng Company, has acquired this opium monopoly not by successful tender in open competition but through the influence of certain persons. It is Ah Nok and the new Opium Officer, Lo Bo (here appeared the words 'Chinese character sound') who used their influence to put matters through. The Government allowed this company to do what they like. Nominally, it is a Government monopoly run according to law, but in fact it is a case in which the head of a sheep was hung for a signboard and dog's flesh was sold instead."

"For obtaining this privilege, not only has much effort been expended by influential persons but the sum of \$120,000 has been expended. According to the announcement of the Company to the shareholders, the sum of \$70,000 was paid through Ah Nok's hand to Tuk Po (here appeared the words 'Chinese character sound') (you can find out the meaning of it or who he is) and the sum of \$50,000 through Lo Bo to Tsui Teng (here appeared the words 'Chinese character sound') (you can find out the meaning of it and who he is) and for all other expenses inclusive."

The letter also stated that the writer had been told that the Yau Seng Company had openly invited people in Hong Kong, Canton and Macao to subscribe towards the share capital and the limit thereto was \$2,000,000. The writer had asked his friend to lend him some share scrip of the Yau Seng Company for exhibition. "He said he could sell his scrip to me ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 each and I could buy from him at any time. Now I have bought a receipt for 8100 shares and I enclose same herewith. Inspection thereof will make you understand (all)."

Counsel continued that plaintiff claimed that the words quoted meant and were understood to mean that the plaintiff had improperly and corruptly used his influence as a Government official to enable the Yau Seng Company to acquire the opium monopoly in Macao; that the plaintiff had been guilty of gross misconduct in the discharge of his official duties; that he had been guilty of bribery and corruption; and had connived at bribery and corruption.

The document which contained the words in question was sent to H.E. the Governor of Macao and his private secretary, by the defendant. The document and petition were printed by the Victoria Printing Press, of 3, Duddell Street, Hong Kong, on the instructions of the defendant. A thousand copies, or thereabout (defendants now said 300), were printed and many had been sent by the defendant to prominent persons in Hong Kong and Macao. Defendant threatened, and intended, to continue publication of the same or similar charges against the plaintiff. Plaintiff had been greatly injured in his credit and reputation and had suffered damage. He claimed damages and an injunction to restrain the defendant from publication of the words complained of, or any of them, or of any similar words.

The Defendant's Position. Counsel added that pleadings on behalf of the defendant claimed that the words did not bear the interpretation alleged in the statement of claim, nor did they contain any defamatory meaning.

Defendant had for many years been a leading merchant and citizen in Macao and one of its principal benefactors. He had been continuously and actively associated with public life and on numerous occasions had been called on by Government and Government to advise and co-operate in the solution of administrative and public problems.

The petition (said the pleadings) was printed and circulated without any malice towards the plaintiff or at all, but with the purpose of securing a Governmental enquiry into the facts which had come to the knowledge of the defendant through the medium of the said letter and in the honest belief that the statements therein contained were true. In so doing, the defendant acted bona fide in a matter in which by reason of his long association with Macao, he had an interest and duty. Save as was therein stated, there was no further publication except to the defendant's legal advisers.

Defendant further stated that the document with the letter to him from Fung Cheung was a receipt in Chinese issued by the Yau Seng Company for \$100, being the amount subscribed by one Miss Tin-Po to the share capital of the Yau Seng Company. The receipt was signed, and issued by Lu Kin Butt, whose signature was known to and recognised by the defendant. Defendant interviewed Fung Cheung shortly after the receipt of his letter and examined him carefully upon the sources of his information and the statements made in his letter.

The Opium Monopolist.

Defendant had no means of proving conclusively the truth of the said statement, but he was satisfied that the signature of Lu Kin Butt on the receipt was genuine. The statements relating to the Yau Seng Company corroborated reports that defendant had heard in Hong Kong to the effect that Lu Kin Butt, who was at that time serving the Government of Macao as the adviser of the new department operating the Macao Opium Farm, was issuing receipts for subscriptions to the capital of a firm which was reported to be the Macao Opium Monopolist. This appeared to the defendant to be a matter of grave irregularity which required the immediate investigation of the Macao Government, and further, that it was defendant's duty to report the matter immediately to H.E. the Governor of Macao.

Defendant also stated that he had three hundred copies printed because the Victoria Printing Press stated that as he desired the document as quickly as possible, they should charge him for three hundred copies no matter how many he actually needed.

"Actuated By Malice."

The defendant did not attempt to say that the statements were true. He said they were not. He said that, on the contrary, the plaintiffs said that they were and that they were clearly read in a defamatory sense by those who read them. Defendant further claimed that they were privileged, but the plaintiff claimed that even if they were privileged, that privilege was destroyed because plaintiff was actuated by express malice. Defendant, up till the end of June of last year, was acting with a company called the Yau Seng and Company which managed the opium farm in Macao (prior to that date it had been let out to tender for three years at a time, the Yau Seng having been the successful tenderers on previous occasions).

The Yau Seng and Company was a somewhat nebulous institution, a sort of Jekyll and Hyde. It was sometimes represented as a business of a single individual, Yau Sing, of whom the defendant claimed to be an attorney and sometimes as a syndicate partnership which had a considerable number of shareholders and which issued scrip and of which the defendant claimed to be a managing director. The petition in which the libel was contained represented Yau Sing in the first of his two capacities.

When the Farm terminated in June of last year, it was decided by the Government of Macao to take over the management and control of opium themselves, this being the practice becoming more prevalent in all countries concerned with the sale of opium, certain Conventions and Agreements having been entered into under the League of Nations. The old monopoly had to come to an end and plaintiff was appointed Superintendent and Administrator in the new Farm, taking into his employment as advisers people who had been connected with the opium monopoly before, as he had had no previous experience. He had been in the Government service for several years and had retired, going into banking and other business ventures but being re-appointed to do this work.

Defendant's Alleged Grievances. The defendant had not to any serious extent suffered, continued counsel, and there was no reason why he should. He seemed, however, to have suffered from intense resentment that he was not consulted or made a figurehead in the new administration. This, claimed counsel, appeared throughout the petition to the Governor of Macao which counsel proceeded to read in full.

The petition set out the various benefactions to Macao by defendant. "Having fulfilled every obligation under the contract with the Government and having done more than it may be expected of any member of the community in Macao in rendering services to the Government, your petitioner feels that he should be given, if not preferential, at least fair and sympathetic treatment at the hands of the Government in any case where the interests of any Petitioner or the Company is concerned. Your Petitioner also expected that he and the Company should enjoy the confidence of the Government in connection with matters concerning the Opium Monopoly and that they should be consulted in the event of any change in the management."

Counsel contended that the petition showed that defendant was bent upon attacking everyone connected with the new Opium Department. It had been sent to various lawyers nominally for professional opinion but actually to give it the widest possible publicity.

The plaintiff, Mr. Jose Pedro Lobo, the recently appointed Opium Administrator, stated in evidence that he regarded the statements complained of, which appeared in Mr. Lee Hysan's petition as libellous as regards himself, and as suggesting that the Government of Macao conducted public affairs improperly.

Cross-examined by Mr. Potter, the plaintiff agreed that if any responsible person received evidence which he had no reason to disbelieve that improper conduct was taking place, it would be a duty to call for investigation. Plaintiff's objection to the letter was that he had been accused of having received \$50,000 to pay to him in order to put a deal through. This, in his opinion, meant that he was using his influence improperly.

Mr. Potter: You will agree with me that a company does not make an announcement to shareholders of bribes paid to Government officials?—Yes, I agree with you. It is most extraordinary.

Mr. Potter: Then I put it to you that the natural meaning of those words in the letter was that the Yau Seng Co. had got a cheap deal for \$120,000. No, I cannot see it in that light. You must read the statement in its context.

Mr. Potter: Would it be a libel had the \$50,000 been paid to you to be put into the Treasury? If the Company was a bona fide one and the transaction was in order, I would not call that a libel.

Continuing plaintiff said that the Legislative Council would certainly be interested to investigate the truth of the statements made in the petition.

Re-examined by Mr. Alabaster, complainant said that, taking the whole text of the letter complained of, it would mean that the Government of Macao was not an honest Government.

Dr. L. G. N. da Silva, barrister-at-law, of Macao, was then called. He said that he had been practising in Macao for the last 25 years. He had been retained by the Opium Company for years at a yearly fee of \$1,200. He had also received a copy of the petition in September last. It was handed to him in a parcel by a boatwoman and he gave her a receipt. In the parcel were three other copies addressed to Macao residents. He had always received his retainers through a Mr. Luz. He did not know any particular shareholder of the "Opium Company." He had done no personal work for Mr. Lee Hysan; he only knew him as the "King of Opium."

Witness also said that when he received the petition, the letter which Mr. Lobo complained of was not included in his copy. That was probably due to a binders' mistake. Mr. Potter: A lucky mistake! Continuing, Mr. da Silva said that in Portuguese law to utter a libel was an offence punishable by imprisonment. Witness said that there were fifteen lawyers practising in Macao and with the exception of four, all had received a copy of the petition.

Witness had also written a letter to Mr. Lee Hysan saying that he could not act for him, as he (witness) was in fact acting against Mr. Lee Hysan professionally. He also (Continued on next column).

PROSPERITY OF JAMAICA.

GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE FOR STEAMER SERVICE.

KINGSTON, February 21st.

The Governor of Jamaica, Sir Reginald Stubbs (formerly Governor of Hong Kong) opened the Legislature this afternoon. In the course of his address, he said that at the close of the financial year there was a surplus of well over a quarter of a million pounds sterling. Trade was satisfactory, and the imports and exports of the past year were the highest recorded since 1920.

The favourable position of the Colony's finances would, he added, enable the Government to ask for the removal of the package tax, and to take the insurance fund to £200,000 sterling. The system of profit-sharing on the sale of fruit in the overseas market, as recommended by the Banana Producers' Association, would be of much advantage to Jamaica. The association had asked for a guarantee for debentures to the extent of £200,000 sterling to defray its share of the cost of building steamers for the service to Great Britain. As shipping and marketing would be controlled by the association, and bearing in mind the benefits which would accrue to the Colony, the Governor said he had decided to recommend acceptance of the liability, even if there were greater risks of less than he could conceive as possible under the scheme. He did not intend to propose legislation to protect crop contracts signed under the producers' marketing agreement.

After the Governor had rejected, in August last, the proposal of the Banana Producers' Association that the Colony should guarantee loans for the provision of a direct line of steamers to Great Britain, the association submitted an alternative scheme, under which it was proposed that an impost of 1d. per bunch of bananas should be levied on all exports in order to provide security for the loan. The Governor then stated that he was prepared to support this scheme providing that it was approved by Mr. Amery.

BANK MURDER ARREST.

ASYLUM ATTENDANT CHARGED.

A man named Norman Elliott was arrested at Kelloe, eight miles from Durham, and charged with the murder of Mr. William Byland Abbey at Lloyds Bank branch at the village of Ferryhill.

Elliott, who is aged 22, is an attendant at Sedgefield Asylum (the Durham County Mental Hospital). He is stated to be a native of Spennymoor, which is about three miles from Ferryhill, and is married.

Later Elliott was remanded by the Mayor of Durham (Mr. J. M. Lynch) at a special court held in the police office at Durham. Mrs. Elizabeth Elliott, who lives with her father, Mr. Edward Callan, at the Turk's Head Hotel, Kelloe, of which he is the licensee, told a Press correspondent that she will not be 20 years of age until April, and that she will have been married five weeks on Wednesday.

Her husband has been at Sedgefield three years, and she was formerly a nurse.

SIX OFFERS TO WED.

LEAP YEAR PROPOSALS FOR MAN WHO BROKE THE BANK.

Mr. Harry Buxton, the Manchester business man who "broke the bank" at the Municipal Casino, Nice, winning about £5,000, told a reporter that he had received six offers of marriage. He added:

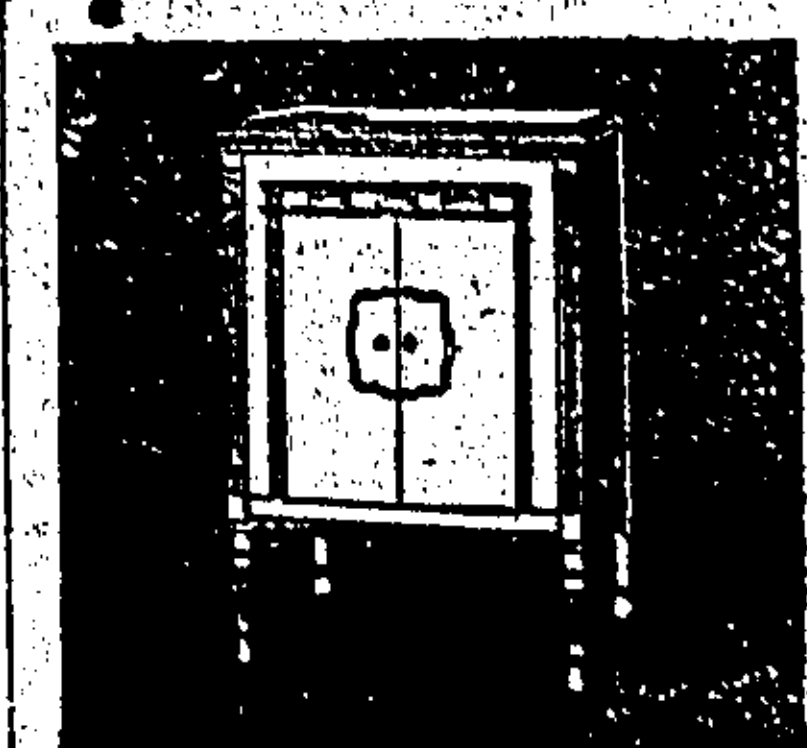
I have never been so busy in my life since I won the money. Hundreds of letters of congratulation have reached me from many different countries, and there has been a host of begging letters. Some of the money I won has gone to the war-battered ex-service men of Nice, some to provide groceries for 120 poor families of Nice and Paris, and I am also sending donations to Guy's Hospital, King Edward's Hospital Fund, and other charities.

He knew of certain other lawyers who were receiving retainers of £1,200 a year from the Opium Company.

The Colonial Treasurer, Mr. Philip Tinson, said that he was sent for by the Governor of Macao who showed him a copy of the petition received from Mr. Lee Hysan. He understood that the reference to £50,000 applied to himself and not to the Treasury. Witness then sent for Mr. Lobo, because it was stated in the letter that the money was handed to him through Mr. Lobo.

Witness had also written to Mr. Lee Hysan asking if he (witness) was meant in the letter. Mr. Lee Hysan replied by letter in English saying that the Government Department was not interested in anyone in particular. He (witness) asked the Macao Government for an inquiry but the Governor was of opinion that it was not necessary as no suspicion attached to him. At this stage the Court rose for the day.

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CINEMA NEWS.

"ON YOUR TOES" AT THE QUEEN'S.

Reginald Denny is to be seen to-day and to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre in his latest picture, "On Your Toes." The story involves him in all manner of strange and embarrassing situations. Induced to become a prize fighter by the girl he loves, he gives up his occupation of a dancing master. He is too good-natured to knock out his opponent, but when he fights for the championship of the world, his manager and sweetheart conspire to make him angry so that he really goes for his opponent.

Dancing Mothers.

The picture at the World Theatre to-day, "Dancing Mothers," is notable because it is exactly like the New York stage success from which it was adapted, except that instead of everyone being "made happy with the usual final" "close up" of an united family, the director has adapted the original ending. The cast is headed by Conway Tearle, Alice Joyce and Clara Bow. Adapted from the novel of Elizabeth Cooper, "Drusilla with a Million" comes to the screen under the direction of F. Harmon Weight with a good cast headed by Mary Carr, Kenneth Harlan and Francisca Bonner. The film deals with the lives of the little old lady "charity" inmate of a home, a poor girl and a rich, young man. "Drusilla" mingles comedy and pathos in a skilful manner that brings tears and laughter.

HYDE PARK CASE.

MAGISTRATE COMPLIMENTS WOMAN WHO CAME FORWARD.

LONDON, March 2nd. The defence that no member of the public has complained is not applicable in this case, because a young lady—and she is very much to be complimented for her action—has come forward.

Mr. Mead, the Marlborough-street Magistrate, made this remark yesterday when dealing with a Hyde Park case in which Hugh C. M. Mecke, 56, described as of no occupation, staying at a hotel at Langham-street, W., was charged with using insulting behaviour. A young woman, who did not give her name and address, said that Mecke, in the park on Wednesday evening, smiled in her face and held his hand out as if to shake hands. She told him she did not wish to speak, and did not know him, and she complained to the police. While the case was being heard Mecke fainted, and was carried out of court. He recovered, and gave evidence denying the charge.

The young woman, after leaving the witness-box, fell faint, and was carried out of court. Mr. Mead, after making the remark quoted above, added: "What should prompt a respectable girl to invent what happened is impossible to conceive, and I believe her evidence. It is regrettable that the punishment for this sort of offence is not greater." Mecke was fined £5, with 10s costs to the woman witness.

DUAL NATIONALITY.

CANTON INAUGURATES
NEW SYSTEM.THE DE-NATIONALISING
PROCESS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, March 26th.

In order to settle the trouble that after arises owing to certain people claiming dual nationality, Mr. Chu Chao Hsin, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs of Kwangtung, has drawn up a series of rules and regulations whereby a Chinese may, if he desire, divest himself of his Chinese nationality. These regulations have been approved by the Canton Political Council. They provide that if a Chinese wants to renounce his Chinese nationality, he must first go to the Foreign Office and obtain a certificate declaring that he is no longer a Chinese citizen. He must then register with the Consul-General of his new country. Under no circumstance can he register at a foreign Consulate unless he has first shown his certificate from the Chinese Foreign Office.

The system provides that a person who so divests himself of his Chinese citizenship can purchase real estate and do business only in treaty ports. Property not within the confines of treaty ports must be sold. When he has so renounced his citizenship, the Chinese Government will look upon him and treat him just like any other foreigner.

Commissioner Chu has already ordered his staff to draw up application forms and official certificates for those desirous of renouncing their Chinese nationality. The Chinese Foreign Office will take pains to investigate each application and go into the reasons given for the renouncement of nationality before granting the certificate.

The Provincial Administration has decreed that henceforth Harbour Day shall be incorporated with the annual commemoration, on March 15th, of the death of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen. The holding of the two events simultaneously, the Government declares, is most suitable as afforestation was one of the things advocated by Dr. Sun. On March 15th of each year the officials of the Nationalist Government throughout China will conduct an extensive campaign on behalf of afforestation.

The Chinese Y.W.C.A. of Canton has just completed a new modern building which is to be used as a technical school for the poor girls and women of the community. The curricula of the school consist of courses on arts, home economic, hand work, and commercial subjects. In addition to this technical school there are two others, namely, the night school for women and the day school for the poor. The number attending these three schools is over two hundred. A small tuition fee is charged from all students. In addition to these three almost free schools the Canton Y.W.C.A. is also maintaining a kindergarten school for small children. The work that this kindergarten has done or unruly children of the neighbourhood is extremely interesting. At first when the children were taken into the school they were dirty, they threw stones through the windows and were in all ways young hoodlums. But the teachers were most patient, and little by little the unruly horde was taught to behave. Now they are among the best behaved children of the community.

WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT.

HAYNES AND TWO OTHERS
SUED.

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF.

Pang Chau, managing partner of the Chau On Transportation Co., sued Leslie E. Haynes, C. M. Houghton and Suen Kam Shun, of the South China Trade Protection Association, yesterday at the Summary Court before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (Puisne Judge) for \$1,000 for wrongful imprisonment.

The plaintiff was represented by Mr. A. C. Arculli, and L. E. Haynes was defended by Mr. R. A. Wadeson. The other two defendants were unrepresented.

Before Mr. Arculli opened his case, Mr. Wadeson said that he wished His Lordship to bear in mind that the cases against the defendants were separate cases and he asked that they should be taken separately. His Lordship said that he could not see the ground for such an application. He understood that the claim was against all of them and that in the statement of claim, he had inferred that the allegation was made against the three of them.

Mr. Wadeson argued that in the statement of claim it contained no particulars of how they had jointly refused to let the plaintiff go. Under the circumstances he would like to have the evidence against each defendant stated by itself.

His Lordship: You are not asking for three separate claims to be made.

Mr. Wadeson: I am, I should suggest that you take Mr. Haynes' case first for this reason.

His Lordship: No.

Mr. Wadeson replied that he had very good reason for making the application. There had been evidence taken before the Registrar which related to a conversation between the defendant Suen and Mr. J. D. Turner, and which Mr. Turner told Mr. Arculli over the telephone. That evidence, Mr. Wadeson said, could not be admissible.

His Lordship: Quite.

Mr. Wadeson then replied that that was why he asked for Haynes' case to be taken first.

His Lordship: I don't agree. I will take them together and separate the evidence in my mind.

The Case Outlined.

Outlining the case, Mr. Arculli said that Houghton was the accountant of the South China Trade Protection Association. The other defendant Suen was until recently a solicitor's clerk in the employ of Messrs. Lyson & Hall. He was also a member of the Association.

On January 18th, the plaintiff received a letter from the Association signed by Houghton asking the plaintiff to call on the Office of the Association at 4 p.m. the following day. Plaintiff called accordingly and he was told by Houghton that the Chau Kin Co. had handed certain account books to the Association and that there was \$750 in dispute. Plaintiff was asked to call again the next day.

Plaintiff returned again the next day. He found no one there, and the office boy asked him to call later. He went back at 2.15 accompanied by a friend named Lau On. On this occasion, plaintiff was taken by the defendant Suen to see Haynes. Plaintiff was told by Haynes that he would have to pay \$750 to Chau Kin, a client of the Association. Plaintiff refused to pay, and Suen was then handed a key by Haynes and with which he locked the door.

After locking the door, Suen stood with his back against it and told plaintiff that he would not be allowed to leave. After a little conversation with Haynes, Suen told the plaintiff that he was liable to imprisonment in respect to the \$750.

Solicitor's Clerk To The Rescue.

After some time, Lau On asked to go, saying that he was not involved in the case and he did not see why he should be imprisoned. He was then allowed to go. He went straight to Mr. Arculli's clerk and told him of plaintiff's plight. Mr. Arculli's clerk returned to the office of the Association with Lau On. They found the door was then not locked. The solicitor's clerk challenged Suen and Houghton as to their right to detain the plaintiff and after further conversation, the plaintiff was allowed to go.

Pay Before You Go.

The plaintiff's evidence bore out Mr. Arculli's opening statement. He also said that he thought that Suen was acting as interpreter for Haynes. After a conversation with Haynes, Suen turned to the plaintiff and said that unless the sum of \$750 plus 20 per cent. costs were paid, he (plaintiff) could not leave the office of the Association. Haynes took up a book and pointing to a passage in it said that he had the right to detain the plaintiff.

Houghton's Story.

C. M. Houghton said that he did not reach the office of the Association on the day in question until 4.20 p.m. as he was teaching at St. Joseph's College. He found plaintiff there. The door was not locked and there was nothing to prevent the plaintiff from leaving. He did not tell the plaintiff that unless the sum of \$750 was paid, he could not leave. He also denied that he allowed the defendant to go after Mr. Arculli's clerk had given him an undertaking to produce the man again when wanted.

In answer to Mr. Arculli, Houghton said that at the time he was only employed by the South China Trade Protection Association. A partnership was, however, entered into between himself and Haynes at the beginning of February. This partnership was rescinded in the middle of February. There were two keys to the office, one of which was in Haynes' possession and the other with the office boy.

Suen Blames Haynes.

The defendant Suen in his evidence said that he went to see Mr. Turner on January 20th. That was after the writ had been served on him. He showed Mr. Turner some papers which he had obtained from Haynes. He had also told Haynes that since he (Haynes) had got him into trouble, it would be up to him to get him out. Haynes then gave him a statement in which he (Haynes) took the responsibility on himself. He closed the door at about 4.30 p.m. on January 20th on Haynes' instructions. In giving the order Haynes said "I don't want these men to go until they have explained the accounts." Defendant believed the object of closing the door was to prevent the men from leaving.

Defendant said that at the time he questioned Haynes as to the legality of such action and Haynes took a book and read out an extract identical to what was written on the paper which Haynes gave him later. At Haynes' request he also interpreted the extract to plaintiff which said that "anyone suspected of larceny or that a larceny had been committed is liable to be detained."

Plaintiff then went into an adjoining room and Haynes immediately telephoned to the police station.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wadeson, defendant said that the slip of paper which Haynes gave him to save him from trouble was typed by himself but it was done in Haynes' presence. The other piece of paper quoting the authority on which Haynes could detain the plaintiff was also typed by himself. Haynes signed that slip of paper after reading it carefully. Defendant also admitted going to see Mr. Turner and making a statement to him which was quite contrary to the pleadings which he, Haynes and Houghton had signed. Defendant said that what he told Mr. Turner and what he now said in Court was true. He also said that he had suffered much, mentally and physically, since Haynes had brought this trouble on him. The reason why he had acted for Haynes was because he had been told that the South China Trade Protection Association was formed by solicitors, chartered accountants, etc.

At this stage, His Lordship ordered him to leave the witness-box.

Haynes' Denial.

Haynes at the witness box said that on the day in question, he was in his private room reading the final proofs of the Observer. He heard a commotion in the outer room and he started to them to shut up. The letter which Houghton sent to the plaintiff on January 18th was not written on his instructions. As a matter of fact he did not see it until the Police Court case brought by the Hong Kong Law Society on February 8th. He had never told the plaintiff that unless the amount of \$750 was paid, he could not be allowed to go. All that had been given in evidence about the key was fiction. There were two keys. He had kept one ever since he took over the office and that key had never left his possession.

The first time he knew that the plaintiff was in his office was at about 4 p.m. that day. Suen went into his room and said that Chau Kin wanted to arrest someone and asked him if he would telephone for the Police. Haynes on being told that the dispute was a partnership one realised that such a dispute did not come within the scope of the Police Court. He suggested that the two parties should settle the matter as he was against anyone making a scene in his office.

However, he could not get them to quiet down so he telephoned to Detective Sergeant Baker, whom he knew very well. He could find nobody as the Police on that day were busy over the Treasury Fraud.

Cross-examined by Mr. Arculli, Haynes said that he had never stopped the defendant from leaving the office.

Mr. Arculli then proceeded to question Haynes about his imprisonment. Haynes said that he had been in England, when his Lordship interposed and said that he thought it was not relevant to the case. Mr. Arculli said that he had not the slightest wish to bring out another man's past, but he thought (Continued on next column).

ABERDEEN MANSLAUGHTER
CASE.DEFENDANT COMMITTED FOR
TRIAL.

Hearing was resumed yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy of the manslaughter case arising out of a fatal injury to a Chinese girl who was said to have been killed in a collision between a junk and a sampan at Po Tai Island, Aberdeen.

The defendant who was in charge of the junk is represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada, jr., instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almada, snr.

Discussion On Po Tai Island.

Chen Ching, steersman of another junk, called for the defence, said that he had been following the defendant's vessel and that if there had been a collision he would have seen it. He arrived at Po Tai shortly after the defendant and witnessed a quarrel between him and complainant with regard to the alleged collision and the consequent death of complainant's daughter.

A fisherman, living on the island, called by the prosecution to give rebutting evidence, said that he had acted as interpreter between the two parties, and that the defendant admitted that he had run down the sampan and expressed his willingness to pay two or three dollars compensation for the damage done to the junk. When, however, the defendant heard that the girl had been killed, he changed his mind and denied the collision and refused to pay anything.

Pre-arranged Evidence?

Mr. Leo d'Almada, jr., said that there was no doubt that a collision had occurred, but he submitted that the defendant's junk had not been a party to it. He further submitted that any words which had passed between defendant and plaintiff on the island were not properly understood by his client as he only spoke Hoklo, and it was not until his *joki* arrived and explained the accusation to him that he understood and in consequence made a complete denial. He pointed out that the complainant's wife and mother had all stated in their evidence that when they first saw the defendant's junk it was some distance away and nothing more. This Mr. d'Almada suggested, seemed to show that their evidence was pre-arranged. He believed that all they knew was that it was a Hoklo junk which collided with them of which they had not noticed the number, especially as the sea was rough, and complainant was probably sleeping and not fishing when the collision occurred. He further suggested that if his client had been responsible for the disaster he would hardly have followed his victim into Po Tai Bay but would have made off elsewhere. With regard to the damage to the defendant's junk, Mr. d'Almada pointed out that all the witnesses who had been called from the junk maintained that it had been caught by rough seas.

Mr. Lindell: I believe that this is a case for a jury.

The defendant was committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions, bail being allowed at \$300.

It was his duty to do so to test the credibility of the witness. Mr. Arculli asked if Haynes had ever been known as "Leslie the Lion." Haynes admitted that he had been called that but without justification.

Questioned as to his connection with the South China Trade Protection Association, Haynes said that he was only secretary to the Association. Asked whom the business belonged to, he said "to our clients."

In his final submission, Mr. Wadeson quoted a case where it had been decided that a person could not be imprisoned when there was another exit. He said that there were two doors to the Association offices, and if one was locked, the plaintiff could easily have got himself out by another.

His Lordship: He might also climb out of the chimney. I think your case is no parallel.

Without calling upon Mr. Arculli to address the Court, His Lordship said that he believed the story of the plaintiff, and that he had also found that Houghton was not in the office before 4.30 p.m. This made the case against him less substantial. With regard to the assessment of damages, his Lordship pointed out that there was a different degree of seriousness against each defendant and for that reason he could not assess jointly. He was also without a precedent as to whether he could assess damages separately. In view of this his Lordship adjourned the case until Friday, and in the meantime he directed Mr. Arculli and Mr. Wadeson to look up the authorities.

Mr. Wadeson: I will have nothing further to do with this case. Mr. Arculli should help you in this.

His Lordship: Very well, I will give my decision on Friday morning.

MANILAN MISCARRIAGE OF
JUSTICE.TWO INNOCENT MEN CON-
VICTED OF MURDER.

ONE VICTIM DIES IN PRISON.

That justice sometimes miscarries, resulting in the punishment of the innocent, is revealed in a report recently received in Manila from Romblon.

In March 1923 a man was murdered in Oribongan, Romblon, and two persons, Celedonio Cesar and Daniel Cesar, were accused and convicted of the crime. They were sent to Biktad, the former to serve a term of 14 years, eight months and one day, and the latter a term of eight years and one day imprisonment.

On January 1st of this year, a constabulary lieutenant in Romblon received a letter informing him that the real author of the crime committed in 1923 was at large. The informer gave the man's name and residence. A Constabulary investigation which followed resulted in the trial and conviction of that man for homicide, the court meting out the proper penalty. According to the report received here, the man confessed having committed the crime.

Daniel Cesar, one of the men brought to Biktad for a crime which he never committed, died at the Biktad hospital on January 20th this year, after serving nearly two years of his term. He succumbed to acute meningitis, according to Director Victorio of Biktad.

Celedonio Cesar is still in Biktad. He and Daniel entered the annual penitentiary on July 1st, 1928, according to the records in Biktad. Aside from the long terms of imprisonment meted out to them, they were each fined \$500 as indemnity to the heirs of the man they were supposed to have killed. —Manila Times.

PEAK RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION.ANNUAL MEETING
BUSINESS.

The General Meeting of the Peak Residents' Association was held in the Peak Club, on Friday, Mr. D. J. Lewis presiding.

The activities of the past year were referred to by the Chairman, after which the Report and Statements of accounts were proposed and adopted. The accounts show a balance in hand of \$4281, but the continued support of members was asked, in order that work may be carried on and the Association kept in a position to meet contingencies.

The following Officers and General Committee were unanimously elected for the year 1928:

Chairman, Mr. D. J. Lewis.
Vice-Chairman, Mr. P. S. Cassidy.
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. A. Murdoch.

General Committee: Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Bennett, Messrs R. E. Lindell, V. Sorby, S. Hampden Ross, T. G. Weall, F. A. Perry, L. S. Greenhill.

CHEER 'O Y.M.C.A.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK.

The following events have been arranged for this week at the Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., in Queen's Building, for Service men:

To-day (Tuesday), at 7.45 p.m.:—Special concert.
To-morrow (Wednesday), at 7 p.m.:—Whist drive.
Concert at Scots Guards' Camp, Shamshuipo.

Thursday, at 7.30 p.m.:—Dance.
Saturday, at 7.30 p.m.:—Dance.

Sunday, March 31st, at 7.30 p.m.:—Music.

All Service men are heartily invited to the above events and a very special programme is promised for Tuesday. The revival of the weekly concert has proved most popular and a thoroughly good entertainment is always provided.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONG KONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the HONG KONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION will be held at the AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, 5.30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4th, 1928. All interested are requested to attend.

HIN WONG,
Hon. Secretary.
March 27th, 1928. [6059]

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at P. & O. BUILDING, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 12.30 O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON on MONDAY, the SECOND DAY of APRIL, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the following Resolution passed at the Extraordinary Meeting on the 18th Day of MARCH, 1928, as a Special Resolution—

"That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$3,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) to \$4,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) by the issue of 1,000,000 Shares of \$4 each, and that such Additional Shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the Original Capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same Place on MONDAY, the SECOND DAY of APRIL, 1928, at 12.40 O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON or as soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely—

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby, authorized to call in 'cash' the sum of \$1,500,000 of the Capital of the Company standing to the Credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding Shares of the Company as on the 1st day of JULY, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised Fully Paid Shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of One Share for every Two Shares of the Company then held by such Persons respectively and that such Shares so allotted shall rank for Dividends as from the 1st day of JULY, 1928."

2. "That if on such Distribution as aforesaid, any Person would be entitled to a Fraction of a Share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole Share to be allotted to a Person or Persons to be named by the Directors and such Share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the Proceeds distributed amongst the Persons entitled to the Fractions making up the Share."

Dated the 28th day of March, 1928.
By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents. [6057]

GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.

TENDERS for SPECIE and MEXICAN DOLLARS current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer, on the London Commission of His Majesty's Treasury, London, up to and for the sum of £20,000, will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICE, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, until 11 O'CLOCK A.M. on the 27th MARCH, 1928. The Tenders to state the Total Amount (in Pounds Sterling), No Telegraphic Transfer will be made for less than £100. The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICE, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved. Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application. Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Act 22 George III, Cap. 45 and 41, George III, Cap. 52, the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills). The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any Incorporated Company in its corporate capacity and made for the general benefit of the Company.

H. G. RILEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Treasury Chest Officer, R.A.P.C.
His Majesty's Treasury Chest Office,
Hong Kong. [6068]

HONG KONG REALTY AND TRUST CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of the Articles of Association of this Company, the undivided Shares were FORFEITED on the 22nd MARCH, 1928, by reason of the Non-payment of Calls due thereon.

Certificate No. 802, Shares No. 170851/170860.
For the HONG KONG REALTY AND TRUST CO., LTD.
C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
Acting Secretary,
Hong Kong, 23rd Mar., 1928. [6064]

INTIMATIONS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Sino Kow Hong, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th MARCH, 1928, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st October, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 29th Day of MARCH, to THURSDAY, the 29th Day of MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 18th Mar., 1928. [6015]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. BUILDING, on MONDAY, the 2nd of APRIL, 1928, at 11 A.M.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th of MARCH to 2nd of APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,
General Managers. [6043]

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th APRIL, 1928, at 2.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th MARCH, 1928, to the 4th APRIL, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 19th Mar., 1928. [6029]

HONG KONG REALTY AND TRUST CO., LTD.

(INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES OF HONG KONG)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the HONG KONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Executive Building, 3rd Floor, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 13th Day of APRIL, 1928, at 12 O'CLOCK Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Six Months ended on the 31st December, 1927, confirming the appointment of two Directors and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

By Order of the Board,
C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
Acting Secretary,
Hong Kong, 23rd Mar., 1928. [6062]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 7th APRIL, and on MONDAY, 9th APRIL, 1928 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained at the RACE COURSE, HONG KONG CLUB, and CAUWAY BAY STABLES. Entries will CLOSE at 4 P.M. on THURSDAY, 29th MARCH, 1928. [6060]

MACAO RACE CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms of the SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SUNDAY, 15th APRIL, 1928 (Weather Permitting), can be obtained upon application to THE INTERNATIONAL RACE COURSE, CAUWAY BAY STABLES, HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, CAUWAY BAY STABLES, and BOXING ADVERTISING CO., 3rd Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong. Entries will CLOSE on TUESDAY, 3rd APRIL, 1928, at 1 P.M. [6049]

FANLING HUNT STEEPLE CHASES.

EASTER MEETING:

SATURDAY, 31st MARCH, 1928.

FIRST RACE—3 P.M.

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INTIMATIONS.

CATHOLIC MISSION.

NOTICE.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I, NEILAGE BROWN of Hong Kong HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that in consequence of our desire to conform with the Names of Similar Vessels owned by us, I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Ship "KOH KHAM" of Hong Kong, Official Number 13035, of Gross Tonnage 144.19 tons, Register Tonnage 149 tons, heretofore owned by CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED, 8, Baiter Square, London, E.C.3, for the Permission to Change her Name to "CHENYANG" and to have her registered in the New Name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Dated at Hong Kong, this 19th day of March, 1928.
(Signed) NEILAGE BROWN. [6024]

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PROGRESS TOWARDS
DISARMAMENT.

THE Disarmament Commission at Geneva has finished another session. The German and Russian delegates have declared that no progress has been made but, perhaps, neither of the national representatives in question is favourably placed to take a calm and impartial view.

Germany, not unnaturally, dislikes the limitations placed on her own armed forces by the Treaty of Versailles while Russia received from Lord CURZON a dose of unpalatable truth. The grandiose schemes of M. LITVINOFF were summarily rejected as impossible to put into practice and Russia was reminded that the whole world knows that, for her own ends, she is seeking air pp civil war—the most horrible form of armed conflict—by her revolutionary intrigues. But the slow and painful process of reducing the world's vague desire for peace to concrete action still goes forward, in face of the general reluctance to make any sacrifices.

Lord CURZON's battiship proposals are important, though they seem but a detail in a vast difficulty. Following the ordinary natural law of its evolution the battiship increases in size. This

implies not merely the expenditure of more and more money on each vessel but equally large sums on docks and harbour improvements. If we let the naval designer run away with us he will bankrupt every state with gigantic and amazing engines of war that are obsolete when still on the stocks and must be quickly followed by others still more wonderful.

But with an accurate insight into the heart of the problem the Washington Conference first bridled the battiship and Lord CURZON's proposals aim at the continued and increased tethering of this modern dragon. From this it is hoped to re-open the questions of cruisers and submarines. This bargaining, ship by ship, is a surer process than any big attempt to sweep away armaments in four years or even to lay down definitions of "naval parity." Only open discussion could have revealed to the world that "parity" is a will of the wisp. There are three factors in battle, leadership, personnel and material. The first two cannot be circumscribed by treaty and conference. It would be fantastic to require gunnery returns and to work out the whole problem of parity on a basis of the number of hits obtained on a target, compensating the poorer gunners by an increase either in number of guns or weight of shells. But agreements to keep ships and guns within certain limits, and to prolong the lives of men-of-war, though bristling with difficulties, can be agreed upon, especially if no thought of imminent war makes tactical questions paramount. Warfare, like human beings, bear their ages unequally. Every fleet has its "crocks" and its vessels that have hardly caused its engineers and gunnery staff an anxious hour year after year till the "scrap heap" draws near. But in times of real peace such things matter less than in an armed truce like the decade before the war. If America added a couple of Dreadnaughts to her Asiatic Squadron we should feel no more anxiety than she does at the presence of the Cumberland.

Despite technical difficulties and both open and covert opposition, the problem of the armaments menace is being faced. Nations are being forced to disclose what purposes their fleets and armies are expected to serve and where lie their fears and grievances. There is fear of warfare. No one knows what the scientists may produce or what terrible rod the weakest power may have in pickle. Doubts of the efficacy of armaments in pursuing national aims, far more than altruistic feelings about the rights of others, are forcing men reluctantly along the paths of peace.

Factors such as these lie behind the formal utterances and small concessions made by the delegates to the Geneva Disarmament Conference.

The P. & O. steamer *Morza* is due here from Home on Thursday at 6 a.m.

Two Chinese cases of small-pox and one Chinese case of diphtheria were reported over the week-end.

Mr. R. M. de Sala of the Steamboat Company was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from a heart attack.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Baseball Association will be held at the American Consulate General on Wednesday, April 4th at 5.30 p.m.

A Portuguese living at No. 18, Robinson Road, was found lying unconscious in his bath. Later he was sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. B. Proulx of the Dollar Line Company reports to the Police that his car was stolen some time on Sunday night from Kennedy Road. The car number is 2131.

Queen's College Sports will be held on the Queen's College Grounds, Causeway Bay on Saturday, March 31st. Mrs. Lee Hysan is distributing the prizes at 5.30 p.m.

The Chinese arrested in connection with the sampan affair which resulted in the death of a little child, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday. The case was remanded for 48 hours pending further enquiries.

Another Chinese was arrested and charged before Mr. W. Schofield with complicity in the robbery which took place last Saturday evening at Canton Road, Kowloon. Three men were alleged to have held up a man in Canton Road and robbed him of \$229.75.

Sub-Inspector O'Connor had the misfortune to be bitten by a black mongrel dog whilst walking on Mount Davis Road. The dog was captured and taken to Kennedy Town for observation, while Sub-Inspector O'Connor went to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

A thief entered the premises of No. 4A Prince's Terrace, Causeway Road early on Sunday morning, and stole property to the value of \$240 including \$50 in money. While the robber was decamping by clambering down a rope an alarm was awakened and raised the alarm, but the thief got away.

As a result of the police raid on No. 189, Praya East, no fewer than nineteen men were arrested and charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday morning. The charge preferred against them was that of gambling, while two others were charged with keeping a gambling house. The gamblers each were fined \$3 while the owners of the den were fined \$50 each.

A private motor car, No. 1041, in taking the bend in Causeway Road below Glenaele, yesterday morning, struck the railing on the left side of the road. A length of piping was wrenched away and the car was also damaged. Pedestrians who gathered at the spot shortly after the accident had a narrow escape when another car came tearing along the dangerous corner and missed them by a few inches.

PROPERTY SALES.
HOUSES IN HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND UPPER LASCAR ROW.

Two valuable leasehold properties were put up for auction at Messrs. Lamert Bros. auction room yesterday, but finding only one bidder, who did not reach the reserve price the lots were withdrawn.

The houses offered were No. 137, Hollywood Road, and 30 Upper Lascar Row. The area of the two properties was 900 square feet and carried a crown rental of \$3.44 and \$6.10 respectively. The upset price was \$20,000 and there was only one bid of \$200.

CYCLE STOLEN AT WANCHAI.

"BORROWED" FOR A RIDE.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning with the theft of a bicycle. One man confessed that he stole the cycle, but the other who was charged with receiving stolen property denied having anything to do with the machine. He admitted however, that he was paid \$5.00 by the person who stole the cycle.

The cycle in question was taken from the Sanitary Department Wanchai, on Friday night and sold to a watchman, employed at Messrs. Sang Lee for \$3.00. His original intention, said the man who pleaded guilty, was to "borrow" the cycle for a ride and later return it, but instead he concealed the machine at Happy Valley and later sold it. Out of the proceeds the second man received \$3.00.

Asked by His Worship why he paid the money to the second defendant, the first defendant replied that the second defendant was present at the time it was stolen. This the second defendant denied, and was later discharged. The first defendant was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 4.30 p.m., stated—
The anti-cyclone is unchanged. The depression has passed into the Pacific. Fresh monsoon will continue along the S.E. coast and over the N. China Sea.
Local Forecast: N.E. winds, fresh, generally overcast, rain.

OBITUARY.

MR. R. G. McEWEEN OF THE SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

Information has reached the Colony of the death at Dundee of Mr. R. G. McEween, who was for thirty four years a resident of Hong Kong. He died last Sunday in his native town, Dundee, Scotland, at the age of 58.

Mr. McEween was a very popular Government servant and was for many years Senior Sanitary Inspector until his retirement in August, 1924. He came to Hong Kong in 1890 and joined the local Police Force as a constable, having also seen service in the Dundee City Police. In 1895 he was transferred to the Sanitary Department and he rose to the rank of Senior Sanitary Inspector in 1923.

At the time when plague broke out in Hong Kong and there were many stricken homes, Mr. McEween rendered invaluable services in alleviating suffering and eradicating the disease.

During his residence in the Colony, Mr. McEween was prominently identified with the St. Andrew's Society. Shortly before his departure, Mr. McEween appeared in a group photograph with Mr. Justice Gompertz and Mr. James Kerr, A.S.P., who had each spent 34 years in the service of the Colony.

The sad news was received by his son, Sergeant H. McEween of the Hong Kong Police, who only returned to the Colony two

A SPLIT IN THE KUOMINCHUN.

NORTHERNERS REPORT CHRISTIAN GENERAL BEATEN.
FAN CHUNG HSIU DEFEATS MARSHAL FENG.

"LIANG-HU" REHABILITATION CONFERENCE.
CHENG CHIEN ASKS FOR RELIEF AND ORDER.

ANOTHER NORTHERN MILITARY CONFERENCE.
ATTACK ON SHANSI EXPECTED.

JAPANESE SPYING FOR NORTHERNERS IN SHANSI?

General Fan Chung Hsiu, the second Kuominchun general, is reported to have defeated Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang at Juchow after two days' fighting. If this message from the Northern Capital is true, it would seem to mark a very serious break in the Kuominchun.

Sun Chuan Fang and Chang Tsung Chang intend to launch an attack with 100,000 men against the Kuominchun near Tsochow.

Meanwhile Marshal Feng is to be asked to co-operate with Shansi troops eastward along the Tsing-Ting-Taiyuen Railway.

The Shansi Authorities are reported to have discovered that Japanese, in the disguise of travellers, are in reality acting as spies in the pay of Marshal Chang Tso Lin.

General Cheng Chien, Chairman of the joint conference of the provinces of Hupeh and Hunan, pointed out how seriously these two provinces had suffered from civil wars and Communist destruction. He called to the authorities for relief. At the same time he stressed the fact that peace and order in these two provinces was of the utmost importance during the time of the Northern Expedition.

RUMOURED KUOMINCHUN SPLIT.

BIG ATTACK PLANNED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, March 26th.

The Northerners claim that the second Kuominchun General, Fan Chung Hsiu, attacked Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang at Juchow on March 24th and defeated him after two days' fighting.

Sun Chuan Fang and Chang Tsung Chang conferred at Tsinanfu on March 24th.

A report states that it was decided that 60,000 of Sun's troops and 40,000 belonging to Chang Tsung Chang should join in attacking the Kuominchun in the vicinity of Tsochow.

ATTACK ON SHANSI EXPECTED.

[Wah Tsz Yat Pao.]

SHANGHAI, March 26th.

Generals Yang Yu Ting and Chang Hsueh Liang have proceeded to Paoing from Peking. Immediately after their arrival, a military conference was held to discuss plans. They are expected to proceed to Shechiachung to launch an attack on the Shansi troops.

ALLEGED JAPANESE SPIES.

[Wah Tsz Yat Pao.]

SHANGHAI, March 26th.

According to a report from Taiyuenfu, capital of Shansi, the local authorities have recently discovered that a number of Japanese, disguising themselves as travellers, make their way to Shansi for the purpose of espionage under the pay of Marshal Chang Tso Lin. The Shansi authorities have therefore given instructions to keep a strict watch upon their movements.

FENG ASKED TO ACT WITH SHANSI.

[Wah Tsz Yat Pao.]

SHANGHAI, March 26th.

General Yen Shih Shan's representative has proceeded to Hsinsheng with the special mission of urging Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang to take action simultaneously with Shansi troops marching eastward along the Tsing-Ting-Taiyuen Railway.

A MOUNTED PATROL.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

CHENGKING, March 25th.

A small mounted patrol is doing duty on the south bank of the Yangtze, 10 miles above Chengking. The men in the patrol are believed to belong to the local militia, formed for the purpose of preserving order.

RUBBER RESTRICTIONS.

SINGAPORE ASSOCIATION'S VIEW.

GRADUAL BUT CERTAIN REMOVAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SINGAPORE, March 26th.

The Chamber of Commerce of the Rubber Association, which deals solely with the marketing of rubber, passed a resolution against the immediate removal of restrictions.

The Chamber is in favour of their continuance with the modifications necessary to assure their gradual but certain removal.

LLOYDS' NEW PREMISES.

KING'S PRAISE OF GREAT INSTITUTION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 25th.

The opening yesterday, by the King, of Lloyds' new buildings in the City was an impressive spectacle.

In the course of his speech in reply to the Address of welcome, H.M. the King referred to the long history of the corporation of Lloyds.

"Lloyds is one of the greatest representatives of insurance especially of marine insurance, and it is the organized system of marine insurance which has transformed overseas trade from a daring and hazardous speculation to the orderly and smoothly working exchange of commodities on which modern civilization depends."

Hazards, indeed, remain, but their disastrous consequences have been averted by the introduction of Lloyds policies of insurance and unerring justice in dealing with these policies which has always been your proud tradition."

By the development of this idea of insurance the community is linked together by mutual duties and service and in this way a shock which would have overpowered an individual man, a family or a partnership, is so widely distributed that it can be harmlessly absorbed. And as insurance creates a bond of union between citizen and nation so it holds together the fabric of civilised society and is conducive to international peace."

M. POINCARÉ'S REVIEW.

LIGHTENING FRENCH TAXATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOULOGNE, March 25th.

The much-advertised speech of M. Poincaré on the eve of the General Election reviewing his stewardship was delivered to-day before about 2,600 guests at luncheon given at the Chamber of Commerce.

M. Poincaré dealt at length with the country's economic situation and declared that the occupation of the Ruhr had been most fruitful. Indeed, if the Ruhr had not been occupied, the Dawes Scheme would have proved barren.

M. Poincaré appealed for the postponement of Party squabbles until France had completely negotiated the danger zone, and added that now the Budget was definitely balanced, it would be possible to reduce taxes and lighten the burden of the working classes.

The Government was anxious to press forward the economic recovery of the country.

A TRAIN LOAD OF EXPLOSIVES.

TRUCKS ALLOWED TO PROCEED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BELOGRADE, March 25th.

General Hadjitch, the War Minister, has issued a statement to the Press with regard to the holding up of a goods train at the frontier station and the discovery of a large consignment of explosives "alleged to be consigned from Italy to Rumania."

He explained that the railway trucks were detained by the Yugoslav authorities as it was conceivable that the war material might be destined for some other State than that to which it was addressed, but the matter had now been cleared up and the trucks allowed to proceed to Rumania.

A TRAGIC QUARREL.

LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE'S VALET SHOT.

MURDERED BY CHAUFFEUR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, March 26th.

In the course of a quarrel at the villa of the Hungarian representative of the League of Nations, Szabo, a Hungarian valet, killed an American chauffeur, John Coates, who drew a revolver and shot his opponent dead.

CAMPS ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES.

A CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND WANTED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

JERUSALEM, March 25th.

The slopes of the Mount of Olives, on which had been erected special camps, presented an astonishing and impressive sight at the opening of the Conference of the Protestant Missionary forces from all over the world.

Two hundred and forty representatives of 51 countries were included, and half the delegates hailed from young native Churches such as China, India, Japan, Africa and the Philippine Islands.

Dr. John G. Mearns, International Leader of the Y.M.C.A. in opening the Conference, defined its object as taking stock of the crucial conditions of missionary work, drawing world-wide attention to the importance of Christianity, to define an attitude towards new national groups, and developing racial consciousness.

He hoped the Conference would promote a united policy of the older and younger churches which would enable the Western impact on the rest of the world to have Christian background. He expressed the opinion that if this had been the case in the past, there would have been few race problems, and no complaints of unequal treaties or of the exploitation of native labour.

"ROYAL OAK" COURT-MARTIAL.

LEGAL ADVISER APPOINTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GIBRALTAR, March 25th.

Captain Kenneth Dewar and Commander H. M. Daniel will face the court-martial arising out of the incidents on H.M.S. *Royal Oak* at Malta, on Friday and Saturday.

It will be held on a ship at Gibraltar, but the vessel will be directly connected with the shore and every effort will be made to provide ample accommodation for the Press and public.

Captain H. S. Mensham, C.M.G., who has been Deputy Judge Advocate of the Fleet for the past year, has arrived from the Admiralty to act as legal adviser to the Court. Both sides will be entitled to his advice on points of law.

RELIC OF PETER THE GREAT.

DUTCH MILL DESTROYED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AMSTERDAM, March 25th.

The Mill De Groot Vorst at Zeeland, well-known for its association with Peter the Great, who during his first tour of Europe worked there for some time as a common shipwright and learned ship-building, has been destroyed by fire.

INDIAN PETROLEUM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DELHI, March 25th.

The Government of India has announced that the Tariff Board has been instructed to enquire immediately into the question of the protection of Indian petroleum against a petroleum price war.

REPAYMENTS OF WAR DEBTS.

FRANCE, ENGLAND AND U.S. DISCUSS.

TOTAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, March 26th.

The *Echo de Paris* announces that negotiations have been started between France and England and the United States with a view to repayments respectively of £2,000,000 sterling and \$30,000,000 out of war debts during the fiscal year 1938-39.

THE IDEAL AIRCRAFT TERMINUS.

R.I.B.A. COMPETITION.

The Council of the Royal Institute of British Architects have accepted an offer from the directors of the Gloster Aircraft Company and H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd., to give a prize for the best imaginative scheme for a London aircraft terminus suitable for the supposed requirements of air traffic 15 years hence.

The general object of the competition, the Council state, is to stimulate the imagination and foresight of architectural students and to assist them to visualize the influence which aerial development must have on the design of a first-class aerial terminus with every accommodation for personnel and machines and with every equipment and comfort for passengers. The terminus is to be for land-planes and amphibians, it being assumed that seaplanes and airships will have separate termini. The jury formed to award the prizes, consists of Sir Sefton Branker (Director of Civil Aviation), Mr. C. Cowles-Voysey, Mr. E. Vincent Harris, Sir Edwin Lutyens, Major E. H. Mayo (technical adviser to Imperial Airways), Mr. T. S. Tait, Mr. Maurice E. Webb, and Mr. G. E. Woods-Humphrey (general manager, Imperial Airways).

The first prize will be £250 and the second prize £25, and the competition is open to bona fide students of architecture who are associates, elected students, or registered probationers of the R.I.B.A., and who are below the age of 30 years on September 1st, 1938. Full details of the competition, which is to be conducted in two stages and closes on January 15th, 1939, can be obtained from the offices of the Institute, 9, Conduit Street, Hanover Square, London.

"WEDDING" PARTY SURPRISE.

"BRIDEGROOM'S" LEGAL WIFE APPEARS.

A wife who interrupted a wedding party at which her husband was the "bridegroom" gave evidence at the Old Bailey on March 1st, when Arthur Douglas Hardy, aged thirty-nine, a ship's butcher, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment in the second division for bigamy.

Mrs. Hardy said that her husband left her, and removed her bedroom furniture from their home. "I found out where the furniture had gone," she added, "and went to the house and knocked at the door."

"A young woman answered. I asked if Mr. Hardy was there, and she said, 'Yes, I married him this afternoon.' I said, 'Well, he is my husband.'"

Miss Violet Clouder, who went through the form of marriage with Hardy, said that sixteen friends were celebrating the "marriage" at her mother's house when Mrs. Hardy called. The party broke up at once, and Hardy went away with his wife.

PEER'S HEIR & POLICEMAN.

LORD KNEBWORTH IN THE RING.

A peer's heir and a policeman will box four rounds at the Ilford Ring, London, on April 2nd.

They are Lord Knebworth, the Earl of Lytton's heir, and Police Constable Bone.

Lord Knebworth, who is twenty-five years old, is a member of the Oxford University Boxing Club, and is a noted all-round athlete. He received his boxing "blue" in 1934, and has represented the university as a welter weight against the Army and the Navy.

Lord Knebworth, who first took up boxing at Eton, is also a keen Rugby player.

GENEVA IN RETROSPECT.

DISAPPOINTMENT OF LEAGUE DELEGATES.

BRITISH NAVAL ARMAMENT PROPOSALS.

COMMENTS BY THE POWERS.

The end of the discussions at the Disarmament Conference at Geneva has given the delegates of the various nations an opportunity to express their views upon the progress made, and the general attitude appears to be one of pessimism.

The Soviet alone seems to find reason for self congratulation, and has styled the Geneva Conferences "our new loud-speakers."

The Naval Armament Limitation Proposals, as put forward by Lord Cusheendun, have been accorded a sympathetic reception by both America and Japan, though both nations appear to think that the proposals in their present state are impracticable, as they give Great Britain too great an advantage over other nations during the next fourteen years.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

U.S. Delegate's Arrival.

The American delegate, Admiral Hilary Jones, whose departure from America was delayed by illness has arrived at Geneva after the close of the session.

It is learned that contrary to current reports, his arrival is not connected with supposed conversations between British, American and Japanese experts with a view to reaching a basis of understanding with regard to naval disarmament.

American circles here declare that nothing will be done in this connection until the revision of the Washington Convention is discussed in 1931.

Policy Of Delay.

Berlin, March 25th. Count Bernstorff's outburst during the final sitting of the Disarmament Commission is strongly supported in official quarters and the Press generally.

The proceedings of the Commission are described as "sabotage" and "fiasco" and it is declared that they have given the impression that the main object of the Commission has been to postpone disarmament.

If other Powers do not carry out their obligations to Germany, it is declared, then Germany is released from hers.

Soviet Satisfaction.

Riga, March 25th. The Soviet Press is much gratified at the publicity gained through the Geneva conferences, and talks of the prospects of further opportunities of reaching the masses through Geneva, which the Communists facetiously describe as "our new loud-speaker."

THE BRITISH POSITION.

THE SOVIET IN CHINA.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 24th.

At Geneva Lord Cusheendun, in a statement referring to M. Litvinoff's reply to his speech, said it amounted to an admission that the Soviet did not regard civil war as war. The main case against the Soviet Republics was not that they fought for their own objects but that their whole world policy was to create civil war.

He was in possession of authentic figures showing that enormous sums had been spent by the Soviet in supplying arms to Chinese Nationalists. Great Britain's part at Shanghai had been taken purely for the protection of the lives of British subjects and their property and, incidentally, those of other Europeans. It also revealed Britain's chief difficulty in the matter of disarmament.

Britain's Responsibilities.

Although it would be relatively easy for some countries to indicate what was necessary for their internal security, Great Britain had always to keep before her eyes possibilities like that of Shanghai. Foreign nations always expected Britain to lead, and there was considerable feeling in England itself that we ought to disarm more now because no war was imminent.

Nations and critics did not however realise what Britain had already done. From the point of view of tactics it would have been better if she had done nothing.

Big Reductions.

What a sensation would then have been made if the British delegate had been able to state that Britain was prepared to scrap any 1,000 fighting ships of a total tonnage of 4,000,000. Yet as a matter of fact Britain had done this largely from a point of view of economy. Again, despite France's overwhelming superiority in the air, Great Britain had had no hesitation in reducing her great air fleet. It was also Great Britain which had prepared the first draft convention for the reduction of armaments.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, March 26th.

The *Matin* comments acidly upon the whole Geneva disarmament proceedings.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Acid Comment.

Some of the delegates have even expressed the opinion that the Commission will not meet again, but this is regarded as too pessimistic. It is certain that the Committee of Arbitration will hold its third session in June when it will be seen whether any progress towards disarmament has been made.

GOLF NOTES.

[By R.H.H.]

There is a fine list of competitions at Fanling over Easter, running from Good Friday to the following Tuesday inclusive. First and foremost comes the Shanghai Visitors Cup on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. This is 36 holes medal play under handicap and is open to members only. There is also a prize for the best 18 holes under handicap.

The other competitions extend for one day longer, and are open to members and subscribers. A Bogey Pool and a Medal Round run continuously on the Old Course, where there is also a fourth competition against Bogey. This is always fun, and there ought to be one or two rather startling returns.

Lastly there is a Mixed Medal Competition on the New Course, played off half of the combined handicaps, with a prize to the winning lady and to her partner as well if there are over 20 entries.

There should be enough competitions and enough variety here to keep the most energetic golfer busy.

The Junior Section Championship is progressing steadily at Happy Valley and has already reached the semi-final stage. Here Wm. Mackay plays J. Stewart and R. Wallace meets E. Moore. Moore has come through his first two rounds in very convincing style, winning both his matches by the big margin of 7 and 6, but I should not like to make any prophecy of the ultimate winner. The semi-final has to be played by April 8th.

There was one rather curious incident which occurred in the "Parity" match over the week-end. Syme Thompson in the fourth hole had quite a short putt for the hole on the ninth green. Just as he struck the ball his putter caught on a tough bit of grass and he hit the ball again on his follow through. The putt went into the tin all right but there was a certain amount of doubt as to what penalty was incurred. The rule was looked up afterwards and it is quite clear: hitting the ball twice counts as two distinct shots, and so Cambridge got a half at this hole, and finally halved the match.

By the way, in the account of this match there was one very unfortunate piece of phrasing which calls for an apology. It occurred in an account of the game between Mr. Hallifax and Mr. Lindsey, and read as though it was a very unmannerly criticism of the players. Needless to say, it was not intended as anything of the kind, but was meant as a comment upon the infrequency of Mr. Lindsey's appearances at Fanling.

The New Course at Fanling is too short to be really satisfactory, at least the second half is too short. It does not need a particularly long player to reach six of the nine holes from the tee, and there are some who manage to find the 14th green. There is a scheme for lengthening this half of the course quite considerably, which would certainly be a great improvement.

The visit of the Kowloon Golf Club to Shek O produced a very close day's golf and some excellent play, especially in the top single, where Remedios, the Kowloon champion, beat Bruce, who recently won the Junior Champion at Fanling. Teams were of 12 a side and Kowloon got a lead of one point in the morning. It got even hotter in the afternoon when Kowloon went just a little further ahead in the singles. After the match Mr. W. E. L. Shenton presented a cup to Mr. E. Cock, the President of the Kowloon Golf Club.

I mentioned Lame Crawford's new consignment of clubs last week, and now they have got another lot in. Not only this but they expect still more in the future so that there will soon be quite an armoury to choose from. The latest consignment is mainly of Cam and Taylor Irons of different sorts, though there are a number of bull dog spoons for those who like them. Driving machines and mashes are plentiful and the clubs feel nice enough. Both these examples of the ever widening class of mashes are powerful clubs in their different ways, and the uses of a masher-iron are legion.

KOWLOON G.C. AT SHEK O.

NARROW WIN FOR THE VISITORS.

On Sunday the Kowloon Golf Club were the guests of the Shek O Club, and won a very close match by 11 points. Results:—

Foursomes.	
Kowloon G.C.	SHEK O CLUB.
Remedios and Bruce	0
Thomson and Hancock	0
Roberts and Sanders	0
Cowherd and Sin	0
Patterson and Stark	0
Remedios and Blake	2 1/2
Gray and Hille	0
Bilher and Cassidy	0
McLaggan and Blason	0
Page and Dowbiggin	0
Jourdain and Shenton	0
Cock and Sutherland	2 1/2
	0

(Continued on next column.)

LAWN TENNIS.

NO PLAY YESTERDAY.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Keen disappointment was felt yesterday when ground conditions prevented any play in the Hong Kong Cricket Club Tournament, as a very good programme had been fixed.

Several interesting matches are on the card to-day, the best of which should be between Ho Ka Lau and the Rev. F. P. W. Alexander in the Open Singles. Some fast play is expected as both are hard hitters and very speedy in the court. Honda appears in the same event against Chong Tuck Wing and should win, while ties in the other events have also been fixed.

The following is the list of matches:—

Open Singles.

T. Honda v. Chong Tuck Wing.
H. D. Runjahn v. T. Isomura.
Ho Ka Lau v. Rev. F. P. W. Alexander.

Open Doubles.

Major W. B. Stevenson and Major R. H. Lucas v. I. M. A. Razak and J. A. Cassumbhoy.

Club Singles.

H. M. Henderson v. G. C. Grove.
G. Miskin v. U. Baker (sen.).
A. B. Raworth and A. D. Humphreys (owe 5/0).

W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy (rec. 5/0) v. W. A. Novers and E. D. Lawrence (owe 5/0).

Dr. D. J. Valentine and R. K. Valentine (owe 3/0) v. W. M. Lyons and J. D. H. Crawford (rec. 3/0).

Dr. Aubrey and G. W. Sewell (owe 3/0) v. Dr. C. H. Burton and G. Rankin (rec. 15/1).

Mixed Doubles.

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Wyatt (rec. 5/0) v. Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bennett (rec. 15/1).

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S GAME.

The following game in the Hong Kong League will be played to-day at 5 p.m.:—

Division I.

Kowloon F.C. v. China Athletic, at Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Willis.

Singles.

KOWLOON G.C.		SHEK O CLUB.	
F. E. Remedios	1	D. G. Bruce	0
J. D. Thomson	0	H. R. B. Hancock	1
		C. L. C.	0
A. W. Roberts	1	Sanders	0
F. C. Cowherd	0	E. L. Sin	1
W. Patterson	1	H. R. Sturt	0
F. X. Remedios	0	D. H. Blake	1
S. Gray	0	H. S. Hille	1
		P. S. Vas	0
W. S. Hillier	1	L. C. C.	0
J. O. McLaggan	1	Bellamy	0
		H. B. L.	0
H. W. Page	1	Dowbiggin	0
		W. E. L.	0
S. J. Jourdain	0	Shenton	0
		R. Sutherland	1 1/2
E. Cock	0		
Afternoon Score	6		
Morning Score	0		
Total	12		10 1/2

EASTER PROGRAMME AT FANLING.

The following is the programme of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Easter Meeting at Fanling:—

Old Course.

1.—SHANGHAI VISITORS' CUP:—(6th-10th April inclusive). Open to members only. \$1 entrance; 36 holes medal under handicap. Two cards (only) may be taken out at any time during the four days. Replicas of the cup to winner who holds trophy for one year. Prizes for best 18 holes under handicap.

2.—BOGEY POOL:—(8th-10th inclusive). Open to members and subscribers; \$1 entrance; unlimited entries; 18 holes under handicap. 60 per cent. to winner, 30 per cent. to second, 10 per cent. to Club.

3.—MEDAL ROUND:—(8th-10th inclusive). Open to members and subscribers; \$1 entrance; unlimited entries; 18 holes under handicap. 60 per cent. to winner, 30 per cent. to second, 10 per cent. to Club.

1, 2 and 3 may be played for on same card, but no player can take more than one prize in 2 and 3 on the same card or more than one prize in a competition. All cards must be taken out before commencing the round.

In case of ties, Competition Committee will decide whether players divide or play off.

4.—FOUR BALLS AGAINST BOGEY:—(8th-10th inclusive). Open to members and subscribers; \$1 per player; unlimited entries; 18 holes on handicap. Each player plays one of his own handicap against bogey the better ball of each pair at each hole counts. 60 per cent. to winner, 10 per cent. to Club (if over 30 pairs enter) 60 per cent. to winners, 30 per cent. to runners-up.

New Course.

5.—MIXED MEDAL COMPETITION:—(8th-10th inclusive). Open to members and subscribers; \$1 entrance per pair; unlimited entries; half combined handicap. Prize to winning lady, and if over 20 entries to partner as well. In case of a tie, prizes to winning ladies only.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

SATISFACTORY YEAR REPORTED.

HOPES FOR AN 18 HOLE COURSE.

Mr. E. Cock, president of the club took the chair at the annual meeting of the Kowloon Golf Club which was held at the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday evening. The meeting was quite well attended and a satisfactory state of affairs was reported. Mr. Cock said that they looked forward to the day when they would be able to extend the present course to eighteen holes. He hoped that increasing prosperity in the Colony would enable them to carry this out.

The balance sheet showed a satisfactory financial condition, the report and accounts being passed without question.

The Report.

Mr. Cock read the report which was as follows:—

The year under review has passed quietly. Golf has been possible on all week-ends except one, and we beg to thank the adjutants of the regiments concerned for arranging their musketry so that it does not interfere with our week-end play.

Better times appear to be coming and we may all entertain the hope that new rifle ranges will be made, and leave us free to develop the course to one of 18 holes. The need for this is growing, and it is worthy of passing note that while recreational facilities generally have been increased those for golf, have, if anything, been restricted.

The committee have gone on gradually with the improvements to the course and club house, and I have no doubt that this is appreciated. Selected teams from the Club played teams from the Royal Hong Kong junior section, Y.M.C.A., and Shek O, during the year.

Although it probably does not concern the year under review I must refer to three or four events of outstanding interest. The committee has great pleasure in accepting on behalf of the Club a very handsome Cup presented by Mr. L. Dunbar. The cup is to be called the "Bays" Challenge Cup to mark the continued success of the "Bays" stable.

Had the cup been of small value we should have been deeply grateful to Mr. Dunbar for the thought which prompted the gift. The cup is, however, worthy of being played for anywhere and we can only inadequately thank Mr. Dunbar for his generosity. We wish him continued success on the turf.

Mr. Page has promised a Shield for the Inter-Hong events, which will give members a new interest in competitions. We are extremely grateful to Mr. Page whose gift is being greatly appreciated.

Yesterday we had the pleasure of avenging our defeat at the hands of the Shek O Club, and our team were most hospitably entertained by our opponents. During Easter week we have placed our facilities at the disposal of the officers of the large Japanese Squadrone which will be visiting the port, and the committee and members hope that members will assist the entertaining of the officers who come to the course. I think there only remains for me to thank the numerous gentlemen who have helped us in their various spheres, particularly Mr. Butlin who has been good enough, once more, to audit our accounts, and the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary whose activities have so much bearing on the domestic affairs of the club.

The officers of the Club for the year were then elected and are as under:—

President, Mr. Cock.
Vice-President, Mr. J. H. Hunt.
Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. O. McLaggan.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. W. Roberts.
Captain of the Club, Mr. H. Overly.

In addition the following members were elected to serve on the Committee: Messrs. W. E. Orchard, W. Patterson, A. W. Brown, J. D. Thomson, B. Rogers and Mr. G. B. Labrum.

Thanks were then accorded to Mr. E. Cock the president of the Club for the fine work he has put in during the past year, and to Mr. Hunt, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., for the use of the room for the meeting. Thanks were also proposed to the outgoing Committee.

CRICKET.

COMBINED SCHOOLS K.C.C.

The following have been chosen to play for the Combined Schools XI on Thursday at 2 p.m. against a K.C.C. team on the K.C.C. ground at King's Park:—

J. J. Young (captain), D. J. N. Anderson, W. H. Kwa, B. T. Lee, F. R. Zimmerman and G. Lee (Diocesan Boys' School). W. P. Tui, A. R. Biffard, A. K. Easall, A. M. Runjahn and A. Hunt (Queen's College). Scorer: D. Hunt (Queen's College). Reserve: F. K. Lee (Diocesan Boys' School).

H.K. LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

MR. HANCOCK RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT.

SELECTION COMMITTEE FORMED.

At the Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association held at the Hong Kong Cricket Club pavilion yesterday evening, a resolution was passed empowering the Hon. Secretary to deal with the organisation of Interport Matches with Macao, Canton or Shanghai. To give him advice and assistance a Select Committee composed of three persons well acquainted with the game was formed.

Mr. R. H. B. Hancock, President of the Association, occupied the chair and Mr. D. S. Green, the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, supported him. Representatives of the different Clubs present were: Chinese Recreation Club, Filipino Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Craignower Cricket Club, South China Athletic Association, Kowloon Cricket Club, Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Nippon Club, University, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Club de Recreio, Indian Recreation Club, Indian Tennis Club, Civil Service Cricket Club and the Kennedy Road Married Quarters Tennis Club.

The statement of accounts for the past year was adopted and showed a credit balance to be brought forward of \$138.67. In view of the small turn over of the Association no statement had hitherto been issued to the members of the League, but the President assured those present yesterday that it would be done next year.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then followed.

Mr. R. H. B. Hancock was re-elected President of the Association on the motion of Mr. Deakin, seconded by Mr. Green, and Mr. G. Miskin was re-elected Vice-President on the motion of Mr. Hancock seconded by Mr. Deakin.

Mr. Hancock proposed and Mr. Owen Hughes seconded the re-election of Mr. D. S. Green to be Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, the proposal being carried.

Entries For The League.

After a reference to the success of the Chinese Recreation Club in winning the three Divisions last year, the following Clubs entered for the League:—

"A" Division.

Craignower C.C., Kowloon C.C., Indian R.C., Chinese R.C., Hong Kong C.C., M.B.K., and University.

"B" Division.

Craignower C.C., Kowloon C.C., Indian R.C., Chinese R.C., Hong Kong C.C., M.B.K., Nippon Club, South China A.A., University, Club de Recreio.

"C" Division.

Civil Service C.C., K.A.O.C., Kowloon C.C., Indian R.C., Chinese R.C., Indian Tennis Club, Hong Kong C.C., Kennedy Road Married Quarters Tennis Club, Nippon Club, South China A.A., and Club de Recreio.

New Clubs entered were those of Craignower in the "A" Division, Civil Service C.C., Indian R.C., Indian T.C., and Kennedy Road Married Quarters T.C., in the "C" Division.

Other Matters.

Reference was made as to the prospects of arranging Interport Matches with Macao, Canton and Shanghai and after consideration a resolution was passed empowering the Hon. Secretary to deal with the organisation of such matches.

A Select Committee was formed to assist the Hon. Secretary in the matter and the following were appointed to serve:—Mr. S. A. Runjahn (proposed Mr. Green, seconded Mr. Hancock), Mr. E. C. Fincher (proposed Mr. Deakin, seconded Mr. Jack), and Mr. C. F. Lee (proposed Mr. S. A. Runjahn, seconded Mr. Hachiuma).

Mr. Lee (Chinese B.C.) drew the attention of the Association to the fact that the spaces in the three Shields for inscribing the names of the winners year by year were now full and asked what the meeting proposed to do. After consideration it was decided to put borders around the three Shields to add more spaces for inscriptions.

Complaint was made that several clubs used old balls for League matches last year, but as the meeting did not wish to make any ruling for new balls to be used in matches the point was dropped.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Hancock for presiding.

FANLING POINT-TO-POINT.

TWO EXCELLENT RACES.

A SIX MILES COURSE.

The point-to-point on Sunday was laid by Mr. Alec Potts, starting at the back of Mr. Potts' bungalow the line ran towards the golf course, turned sharp right to the foothills where a nice run of about a mile over grassland was made, when turning again the line was over dry rocky fields till the river was crossed and the foothills were followed right across the valley to Mr. Souza's bungalow. After crossing the river and road again the last point was reached and the line of made jumps behind Potts' bungalow was used for the finish.

The lightweights went first—a fine race resulting between Backhouse and Miller, the former having the misfortune to run out at the last jump when in a certain position for winning. Phikips was 3rd and the rest came along some way behind.

The heavies kept together much better than the lightweights and it was anybody's race almost till the last. On entering the straight Wallis was leading closely attended by Beck, Crabbe, Col. Hayley Bell and Barne. As the last jump was reached Wallis' pony fell, Crabbe who was riding hard crashed into him and also fell leaving Beck and Col. Hayley Bell to pass the finishing line with Barne 3rd. Wallis had the misfortune to break his collar bone otherwise there were no casualties although there was a good deal of grief in the country.

The whole course, which was about six miles was viewed by a large number of interested spectators from the hill immediately above the finishing line which was unfortunately not flagged as it gave rise to a certain amount of discussion.

Wallis and Crabbe passed the last two flags which were on the set jump net and second when they had the misfortune to fall—the finishing line was some 20 yards further as is usual when this line of jumps is used and the race was awarded to Beck as he was the first to pass the line. Everyone was glad to see him win as he is one of our keenest riders and has not had a great deal of luck this season. It was unfortunate that the line was not flagged but the reason was that there were not sufficient flags owing to the abnormal number of points.

The following were the riders and their ponies:—

Wallis—Beck, Strathorne; Col. Hayley Bell, Shady Joe; Barne, Little River; Russell, Conquestador; Davidson, Kobleman.

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11-YEAR-OLD CHURCH ORGANIST.

Caleb Fawcett, an 11-year-old pupil at Guildford Grammar School, has been appointed organist of St. Martha's Church, Guildford.



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THATCHED COTTAGE MYSTERY.

FATE OF A RECLUSE.

SCOTLAND YARD CALLED IN.

MARHAMCHURCH, near Bude.

As a Mediterranean sunset of rose and gold was tingeing this remote Cornish hamlet with a warm glow, on Feb. 20th, two Scotland Yard detectives who had been travelling all day from London, arrived on the scene of a murder so mysterious that the local constabulary had at once summoned the aid of the cleverest crime investigators in the country.

When their motor-car halted outside the last thatched cottage of the village, they were met by the chief constable of Cornwall and a uniformed police superintendent and inspector and at once stepped into the little cottage, draped at one end with a green cover of ivy.

They turned into the living room immediately on the left and looked down at the body of an old man, white-haired, lying stretched on the floor beneath the little window.

He was fully dressed, and his long white hair was stained with blood from a deep wound in the crown of his head.

The body was that of Mr. Richard Roadley, aged 84, a wealthy reclusive, who had for many years lived alone in the cottage, doing all his housework for himself.

The detectives were told how Mr. Roadley had been found on the floor, with a blanket wrapped round his face and shoulder, dying from the wound in his head, and how he had passed away without regaining consciousness.

They were also told of a wallet, containing eight £1 notes which was found on a chair near him in the room. Then they were taken up the narrow stairs to his bedroom on the first floor. Here was a scene of the most extraordinary confusion.

Against the window of the room was piled a mass of blankets, bed-covers, paper shavings, and other articles, presumably placed there by the murderer so that the light which he used to search the room could not be seen by passers-by.

Room in Chaos.

The room itself bore vivid evidence of a wild search, presumably made by the murderer. Articles of all kinds were strewn over the floor; portmanteaux had been ripped open with a knife, and the whole room was in a state of chaos.

The detectives glanced at a number room, also on the first floor, and then at a room on the ground floor, which was filled with a strange assortment of articles.

As the detectives used the stairs they had to avoid knocking over piles of old books and bottles set there by Mr. Roadley, who had used the staircase as a series of shelves.

While they examined the cottage the detectives were given a rough outline of the dead man's life.

They learnt how, despite the fact that he lived alone in the tiny little cottage, he was believed to be a wealthy man with considerable money in the bank and with property in Lincolnshire. They heard that he was supposed at one time to have had in his possession a quantity of old silver, even jewellery.

Lincolnshire Family.

They learnt, too, that he hailed from Lincolnshire, and that a brother who lived near Gainsborough died recently, leaving a considerable amount of money to charity.

Mr. Roadley, who was a bachelor, came to Tison about 50 years ago, and for some time owned a farm at the village.

Mr. Charles Hicks, the farmer who found Mr. Roadley on the floor of his sitting-room, said:

"About 6 p.m. my grandson took along to Mr. Roadley's cottage the copies of *The Daily Mail* for the week. At the end of the week my grandson took them all back, and I believe he had hundreds of them in the house."

Light in the Window.

Mr. Roadley was then quite well, and an hour later a light was seen in his sitting-room window, suggesting that he was then still alive.

On Sunday about one o'clock, when I was about to have dinner, a little girl came and said that the blind of Mr. Roadley's cottage was drawn. I went along, listened outside the door, and heard the sound of heavy breathing. I tried the handle of the front door and was surprised to find it was open. In the living room I found Mr. Roadley stretched on the floor. A heavy, dark grey blanket had been wrapped round his head as if to strangle his groans. I removed it and saw that he had received a terrible blow on the top of his head. I summoned my wife and daughter-in-law and a village cyclo four miles to Bude for a doctor. When the doctor came he said there was no hope for Mr. Roadley."

I imagine Mr. Roadley must have been attacked between 7 and 9 in the evening as he usually went to bed at 9 o'clock. He was not wearing the clothes he usually wore on Sunday, so I do not think it could have happened on Sunday morning after he had got up."

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ADVICE TO GENE TUNNEY.

NEEDS A FIGHT A MONTH.

WHAT HE COULD DO WITH HIS CHALLENGERS.

New York, March 4th.

A sensible solution to the difficulty of finding a logical opponent for Gene Tunney would be to have the champion fight each of the contenders, writes Mr. Frank Getty of the *United Press* agency.

One fight a month should keep the heavyweight titleholder in condition and funds.

There is nothing silly about the suggestion. In the old days, Tunney would have had to do that very thing, or he wouldn't have been recognized as champion. Any fighter who could get the necessary backing could challenge for the title, and the champion either fought or was branded as afraid.

Nowadays, a champion laughs when he is accused of being afraid. He knows the public will overlook his running away from dangerous opponents if he provides the glamor of a title fight with a "set-up."

Evades Godfrey.

Take Gene Tunney's case. Would he fight Godfrey, for example? Certainly not. Moreover, he would have no shame in evading a match with the negro. And he would go somewhere and fight Jack Dempsey, the easiest kind of a push-over for him, a third time. And then talk over the radio about uplifting the sport of boxing and about what it can do for the youth of to-day.

It is fortunate that the youth of to-day is too busy to develop perception.

There are six prominent contenders for Tunney's title, for example, Godfrey, Tom Heeney and Johnny Risko.

Instead of trying to figure which of the lot can help him earn \$1,000,000 for 30 minutes' work, what could be more reasonable than for Gene himself to decide which of the challengers he would like to fight first, and proceed to do so? Then, if still champion, he could take on the next one, and so on, down the line, until the name of Tunney became a by-word for the heavyweight boxing champion of the world, and not for that of a rather bored student of Shakespeare.

There is, of course, an essential difference between a champion of to-day and yesterday. In by-gone days, a man was heavyweight champion of the world because he liked to be, because he was a fighter, and chose to storm and swagger through the speak-loudies of his period.

What He Could Do.

Tunney would knock Godfrey's head off within a few rounds, and Lieperville would join Harlem in the limbo of discarded haunts of black menace. Gene would beat Delaney with an ease which would distress the admirers of the Bridgeport boxer. The champion could whip Risko in the same evening.

What then of Sharkey and Paulino? In a long fight, the latter would give the titleholder plenty of trouble. In a short fight, limited to six rounds, or so, Sharkey would do the same. By choosing his distance carefully, Tunney could make Sharkey quit and outpoint Paulino.

Then there would be less derision in the voices of those who have occasion to refer to the heavyweight champion of the world.

A Great Reader.

Mr. Roadley, although a recluse, was popular in the village. He was very fond of children and often gave them presents. He was well educated and spent a great deal of his time reading. He had a quantity of chemicals in his cottage with which at one time he used to carry out experiments.

MAN DETAINED.

Bude, Cornwall, Feb. 26th.

A later paper from Home states: "A man has been detained at Stratton Police Station since Saturday evening while Scotland Yard detectives have been making inquiries regarding his movements on the night of Saturday, February 18th, when Mr. Richard Roadley was attacked."

With two uniform constables in attendance, the detained man accompanied the detectives to the police station from his home in the Poundstock district, about two miles from the scene of the murder.

Five Hours Digging.

After the detention, eight Cornish constables drove up in closed motor-cars to a farm. A sergeant entered the farm and obtained spades. The cars were then turned and were driven to a house, in the kitchen garden of which the eight policemen began digging.

For five hours they dug a piece of ground 25ft. square to a depth of a foot.

A whistle was then sounded and the group of officers, in extended order, examined every foot of a 20-acre field. For two hours afterwards they examined the boundary hedges.

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"NORSEMAN" CUP RESULTS.

The result of the "Norseman" Cup Races for the Cruiser Class was as given below.

The races were held on Sunday 25-26 the course being: Discovery Islets (S.), Stonecutters Island (S.), Mark on Line (P.), Channel Rocks (S.), a total of 22.2 miles.

"E" Class Cruisers.

Finish—Corrected Time.

1. *Feathers* 4.48.40 4.04.07

2. *U. and I.* 4.53.38 4.12.33

3. *La Gygale* 4.54.28 4.34.28

4. *Curlew* 5.58.10 4.36.13

Typhoon D.N.F.

Coquette D.N.F.

"C" Class Cruisers.

Course shortened the amended distance being 10 miles.

Finish—Corrected Time.

Dorothy II. 1st 6.37.31 6.09.01

Imogen D.N.F.

The above results are subject to confirmation.

THE "FAILURE" OF MARRIAGE.

AMERICAN JUDGE ON WEDDED BONDAGE.

DIVORCE INCREASE.

"Marriage, as we have it now, is plain hell for most persons who get into it. That's flat."

So writes Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of the Juvenile and Family Court of Denver, Colorado, in a book, entitled: "The Revolt of Modern Youth," written in collaboration with Mr. Wainwright Evans.

Judge Lindsey is a happily married man, whose wife sits in the next room to him at the Juvenile Court in Denver, where he talks to thousands of youths and girls in the course of a year. His views of "Companionate Marriage" have aroused attention.

"I defy anybody," says Judge Lindsey, "to watch the procession of wrecked lives, unhappy men and women, and miserable, homeless, neglected children who pass through my court, and come to any other conclusion."

"It is hell for the simple reason that it is despotic; that, constituted as it is at present, it readily converts itself into a denial of freedom to human beings, who cannot live in bondage because the most sacred instincts in their nature forbid it."

Religious Rite.

"I am perfectly willing to regard marriage as a religious rite, just as I am ready to regard a contract to pay for a suit of clothes as a religious rite. If I am honest I will pay if I can, and if I am honourable I will be a good husband to the limit of my ability. In that sense all conduct is religious."

The theological concept of marriage as a thing registered in heaven—where they don't have the institution themselves, by the way—is something else again. We have to rid ourselves of it with all speed.

What I see constantly, both in my dealings with youth and also in older people, is evidence that there is growing up in this country a rapidly spreading conviction that love without marriage may be a moral and chaste thing; harmful neither to society nor to the two persons concerned; beneficial rather, making for happiness and efficiency.

I should be the last to say that there is no danger involved in this view; and I record the fact here simply as a fact, admitting that it is indeed full of dynamite.

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Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd April, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 14th April, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

26th March, 1928. [6058]

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th instant will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 11th April, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th instant, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st Mar., 1928. [6041]

PRINCE LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Motor Vessel "MALAYAN PRINCE" having arrived from the above Port on 21st instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Tuesday, 27

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"TEAN"	On 29th Mar.	10 a.m.
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 29th Mar.	Noon
SHANGHAI	"TAMING"	On 29th Mar.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 31st Mar.	6 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"NANTUNG"	On 31st Mar.	8 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 1st Apr.	9 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWANGCHOW"	On 1st Apr.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEW			
CHOWANG & DALNY	"YINGCHOW"	On 1st Apr.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUIYANG"	On 2nd Apr.	6 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"HUPPEH"	On 4th Apr.	6 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"IOHANG"	On 5th Apr.	8 a.m.
WATWAI, CHIOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 5th Apr.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINKIANG"	On 7th Apr.	8 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	On 8th Apr.	6 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIANGSU"	On 8th Apr.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEW			
CHOWANG & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW"	On 8th Apr.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SZEHUEN"	On 9th Apr.	6 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 15th Apr.	9 a.m.
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From Dunkirk, Antwerp, London	For Marseilles
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Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

March 25th.
 Borneo, British str., 1,297 tons, Capt. J. H. den van Berg, from Canton, lying at Shamshui. Shun Tai S.S. Co.

Heng Chong, Chinese str., 1,111 tons, Capt. M. Wikman, from Bangkok and Hoibow, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C44—Kwang Nguan Seng.

Lahore, British str., 3,181 tons, Capt. L. M. Gordon, R.N.R., from Dunkirk and Singapore. The latter port she left on March 19th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Las Vegas, American str., 3,392 tons, Capt. A. Wie, from Astoria and Shanghai. The latter port she left on March 22nd, with flour, lumber and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10—Columbia Pacific S.S. Co.

Roko Maru, Japanese str., 2,011 tons, Capt. K. Kawashima, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B47—M.B.K.

Sunkang, Chinese str., 392 tons, Capt. Lai Kwong, from Kwong Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C42—Man Yick S.S. Co.

Takada, British str., 4,223 tons, Capt. S. K. Baird, from Calcutta and Singapore. The latter port she left on March 18th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Wong Shek Kung, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. N. Harrington, from Saigon, which port she left on March 20th, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C43—Kwang Hang Hing.

March 26th.
Bolton Castle, British str., 3,639 tons, Capt. Scobbie, from Manila, which port she left on March 22nd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A82—Dodwell & Co.

Empress of Asia, British str., 16,009 tons, Capt. A. J. Hailley, R.N.R., from Manila, which port she left on March 24th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—C.P.R.

Koyo Maru, Japanese str., 334 tons, Capt. S. Murakawa, from Keelung, which port she left on March 23rd, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C49.

Kwangchow, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. Johnstone, from Bangkok and Swatow. The latter port she left on March 25th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11—B. & S.

Linna, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. T. Beer, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.

Luchow, British str., 1,321 tons, Capt. F. W. Potter, from Canton, lying at Taikoo Dock—B. & S.

Maybishi Maru, Japanese str., 4,331 tons, Capt. T. Ideno, from Manila, which port she left on March 22nd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B26—N.Y.K.

Mirapore, British str., 4,134 tons, Capt. O. A. Dickenson, from Shanghai, which port she left on March 23rd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Soochow, British str., 1,694 tons, Capt. G. A. Evans, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B8—B. & S.

(Continued on next Column).

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

Per s.s. *Empress of Asia*, for Hong Kong: Mr. J. Sanchez Y. Martinez, Mrs. C. De Loon Sempio, Miss M. Nilo, Mr. J. Limeneo, Lt. J. A. Burns, Lt. J. Godman, Mr. A. Osorio, Miss I. Rubin, Mr. J. Ipokdjia, Sister M. P. Coughlin, Mrs. D. Da Royes, Mrs. E. Brady, Mrs. F. R. Montrose, Mrs. J. N. Opie, Mrs. M. A. Yvanovich, and infant, Mrs. A. Leyba, Master R. Leyba, Miss N. Leyba, Miss P. Leyba, Mr. W. McIntyre, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. C. Valero, Miss A. Monzo, Miss A. Alam, Miss F. P. Jimenez, Mr. E. Valero, Mr. F. M. Gutierrez, Mr. A. M. Dy Bunge, Mr. J. D. Tagle.

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SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. *Takida* will leave for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta at 3.30 this (Tuesday) afternoon.

The B.I. s.s. *Takada* will leave for Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Osaka at 6 a.m. to-morrow (Wednesday).

The P. & O. s.s. *Moran* left Singapore for Hong Kong on the 25th inst. at 9 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on Thursday, at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. *Khyber*, from Hong Kong, arrived at London on March 24th, at 1 p.m.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia*, from Hong Kong, on March 7th, arrived at Vancouver on March 25th.

The s.s. *Carl Legien* (Hugo Stinnes Linie), left Singapore on Sunday, the 25th inst., via Manila, and is due here on Tuesday, April 3rd.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
To-day	6.21 a.m.	6.37 p.m.
To-morrow	6.20 "	6.37 "
Thursday	6.19 "	6.37 "

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 26th.			
	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 2 p.m.	6 a.m.	2 p.m.
Barometer	29.88	29.93	29.98
Temperature	78	71	61
Humidity	78	87	95
Wind			
Direction	ESE	Calm	ESE
Force	0	0	5
Weather	C	OF	OD
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.05

3=Blue sky; 0=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=

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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 25th April

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo

GENOA MARU ... Wednesday, 28th Mar.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

BOKUYO MARU ... Thursday, 19th April

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape

Town & Ports.

HAKATA MARU ... Tuesday, 10th April

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

MAYEASHI MARU ... Tuesday, 27th Mar.

TOBA MARU ... Saturday, 14th April

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

LEMA MARU ... Saturday, 14th April

CAIRO via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

AKITA MARU ... Friday, 30th Mar.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

MISHIMA MARU ... Friday, 30th April

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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Sailings	Loading for Shanghai and Japan Ports on	Loading for Continental Ports on
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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront
News, etc.YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT
RETURNS.

NORMAL CARGO RETURNS.

ONLY ELEVEN ARRIVALS.

There were eleven arrivals and thirteen departures recorded at the Harbour Office, yesterday for the period ending at 9 a.m.; but the cargoes manifested for both Hong Kong and ports beyond were normal. British vessels carried a fair percentage of the cargo.

The general merchandise for this port amounted to 11,379 tons, and three British vessels contributed 3,004 tons. The two best returns were shown by two Chinese vessels carrying cargoes of rice. The *Tai Fook Sing*, arriving from Saigon, discharged 2,300 tons, while the *Heng Cheung* from Bangkok and Hoihow had 2,000 tons.

Through freights were normal and totalled 15,501 tons, of which three British vessels carried 8,576 tons. The s.s. *Penang Maru* (Japanese) with 3,083 tons of general cargo was the best carrier, and a British vessel was second best with 4,700 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dop.
British	3	4
American	1	0
Japanese	2	0
Chinese	3	4
Dutch	0	1
Norwegian	0	2
Total	11	13

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Anstralian-Oriental Line.

Changte, April 6th.

Taiping, May 11th.

Bank Line.

City of Bombay, April 10th.

City of Eastbourne, April 11th.

City of Carlisle, April 14th.

City of Rouen, April 14th.

City of Birmingham, May 4th.

City of New Castle, May 12th.

City of Chester, May 23th.

City of Tokyo, June 9th.

City of Cardiff, June 22nd.

City of Peking, July 7th.

City of Bedford, June 22nd.

Blue Funnel Line.

Melania, to-day.

Automedon, April 1st.

Patriot, April 10th.

Phenicia, April 11th.

Agapenor, April 15th.

Leonard, April 17th.

Enlight Companion, April 22nd.

Dreder, April 22nd.

Dionaea, April 26th.

Tallkhuus, May 1st.

Machon, May 2nd.

Antenor, May 3rd.

Meriones, May 9th.

Admetus, May 10th.

Helenus, May 22nd.

Teucer, May 22nd.

Perceus, May 25th.

Pyrrhus, May 30th.

Hector, May 31st.

Tyndareus, June 10th.

Atreus, June 27th.

Aeneas, July 2nd.

Theseus, July 25th.

Sarpedon, July 25th.

Egeonor, August 22nd.

British-India and Apcar Line.

Shirala, March 31st.

Talanta, April 9th.

Santhia, April 10th.

Hattipara, April 19th.

Tukada, April 22nd.

Tatma, May 1st.

Tallika, May 5th.

Tilawa, May 31st.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Canada, April 5th.

Doddwell & Co.

Venetia, March 29th.

Teledo, April 12th.

Dollar Steamship Line.

President Cleveland, to-day.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Africa, April 5th.

Malaya, April 27th.

Danmark, May 25th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

St. Albans, to-day.

Aratara, April 2nd.

Tanda, May 7th.

Glen Line.

Glenara, April 5th.

Glenahiel, April 15th.

Carnarvonshire, April 23th.

Pembroke, May 11th.

Pembroke, May 20th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and

Hugo Stinnes Linie.

Resolute, to-morrow.

Carl Legion, April 3rd.

Adolf von Bayern, April 6th.

Preussen, April 16th.

Ermland, May 2nd.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjikembang, March 29th.

Tjikondari, April 2nd.

Tjileboet, April 8th.

Tjimanok, April 9th.

Tjikarang, April 12th.

Tjipanga, April 15th.

Tjiparora, April 16th.

Tjikint, April 23rd.

Tjitaroen, April 23rd.

Messageries Maritimes.

Andrie Lehou, to-day.

Portous, to-day.

Chenoucaur, April 10th.

Capt. Faure, April 21st.

Athos II, April 24th.

D'Artagnan, May 8th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Genma Maru, to-day.

Majestadi Maru, to-day.

Akita Maru, March 29th.

Hokuyo Maru, April 5th.

Eakone Maru, April 6th.

Kagano Maru, April 8th.

Kanagawa Maru, April 9th.

Awa Maru, April 10th.

Korea Maru, April 10th.

Lima Maru, April 13th.

Toba Maru, April 14th.

Suwa Maru, April 20th.

Aki Maru, April 24th.

Fushimi Maru, April 25th.

Hakata Maru, May 9th.

Toyooka Maru, May 13th.

Tanyama Maru, May 13th.

Hakozaki Maru, May 18th.

Mishima Maru, May 22nd.

Wakasa Maru, June 8th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Amgir, to-morrow.

Trier, April 9th.

Alster, April 25th.

Trave, May 12th.

Prince Line.

Asiatic Prince, April 13th.

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Formosa, April 27th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

TEN FINED ON SAME
CHARGE.

[BY LONGHOREMAN.]

No fewer than ten masters of trading junks and cargo boats appeared before Comdr. J. B. Newill, at the Marine Court yesterday on the same charge of having moored their craft within 100 yards of the low water mark between the prohibited hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. All ten defendants pleaded guilty and were fined \$10 each. A mistress of a cargo boat also appeared for a breach of her licence. The woman was alleged to have carried passengers to the shore for the sum of 50 cents each. The defendant pleaded that the passengers were her friends, but Inspector Brown said that the defendant had received money for the trip. His Worship imposed a fine of \$8.

"Takliwa" Delayed By Fog.
The s.s. *Takliwa* arriving here yesterday from Amoy reported that dense fog was encountered between Amoy and Hong Kong delaying her arrival here.

The s.s. *Wai Shing* also reported fresh monsoon and clear weather to Breker Point. From thence calm and thick fog. This ship was also from the North.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.
Asiatic deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 720. They were carried by five vessels.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in port yesterday: North Wall Basin, *Cornflower*, *Magnolia*, *Serapis*; South Wall Basin, *Petersfeld*; East Wall Basin, *Mothe*, *Sonne*, *L. 27*; North Arm, *Trojan*, *Beleg*; In Dock, *Brue*, *Sirius*, *Sonne*; No. 1 Buoy, U.S.S. *Black Hawk*; No. 3 Buoy, U.S.S. *Paul Jones*; No. 5 Buoy, *Cumberland*; No. 6 Buoy, *Hermes*; No. 7 Buoy, *Titanica*, *S/Ms*; No. 8 Buoy, *Ambrase*, *S/Ms*; No. 9 Buoy, *Marazion*; No. 13 Buoy, *Forglave*; No. 18 Buoy, *Ruthenia*; No. 23 Buoy, *Kharke*; No. 26 Buoy, *Gunnel*; No. A1 Buoy, U.S.S. *Pittsburg*; *Kowloon* Anchorage, U.S.S. *Beaver*, *S/Ms*. Foreign Mer of War—U.S.S. *Sacramento*, *Panama*, *Pittsburg*, *Paul Jones*, *Black Hawk*, *Beaver*, and *S/Ms*; Portuguese, *Patric*, *Pera De Alenquer*.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Mora, March 29th.
Mantua, March 30th.
Kashgar, April 12th.
Jeypore, April 16th.
Kidderpore, April 21st.
Malwa, April 28th.
Alipore, May 2nd.
Novara, May 2nd.
Delta, May 10th.
Nankin, June 4th.
Khyber, June 7th.
Rawalpindi, June 31st.
Nellore, July 2nd.
Kashmir, July 5th.
Rajputana, July 19th.
Kalyan, August 2nd.

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"MANTUA"	10,948	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MONGOLIA"	15,504	14th April	Marseilles and London.
"NAGPORE"	5,283	21st April	do.
"MOREA"	10,933	28th April	do.
"LAHORE"	5,458	7th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp & Hall.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	14th May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"KIDDERPORE"	10,936	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	5,818	28th May	Marseilles and London.
"JEYPORE"	5,273	2nd June	Straits, Colombo and Bombay.
"ALIPORE"	5,273	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp & Hall.
"DELTA"	5,897	16th June	Marseilles and London.
"NOVARA"	16,001	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"RANPUHA"	5,114	7th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp & Hall.
"KHYBER"	7,038	14th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"NANKIN"	10,918	21st July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"RAWALPINDI"	8,985	28th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,144	1st Sept.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"RAJPUTANA"	10,988	8th Sept.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,005	15th Oct.	do.
"MALWA"	10,933	22nd Oct.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	29th Oct.	do.
"MOREA"	11,120	5th Nov.	do.
"MACE DONIA"	11,120	12th Nov.	do.

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